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▲ Santa magically lights up the trees on  
Wilmington Common.  
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## Tree lighting on the Common

► Nicola, Katie and Regina Downing with  
friends Monica, Erik, and Ann Collorone and  
Olivia Downing. Wilmington lights up the holiday spirit.



## WHS receives continued accreditation in NEASC

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee met last Wednesday, Dec. 4 to discuss a number of policies and updates. Their agenda included the Superintendent's Report, the homework policy, the Walker Report, a school improvement plan from WMS, and an application for the Massachusetts School Building Authority core program.

The School Committee invited the Wilmingtons, the Wilmington Middle School a cappella group, to start their meeting with a short performance. Then, the discussion began with the Superintendent's Report, where Dr. Glenn

Brand covered an informational summary of the district's work regarding life-threatening allergies for students and families.

The second item on his report was acknowledging that Wilmington High School received continued accreditation in the NEASC thanks to the hard work of principle Linda Peters and her staff.

They next discussed the school system's homework policy. The homework policy committee spent the past year drafting the policy that has not yet been put into place. Dr. Brand brought up what the policy is lacking before it can be enacted: it needs a complimentary piece for implementation.

The issues the committee struggled with before agreeing to reconvene the homework policy committee were that it needs to be finished quickly and that it may be difficult to create something that can apply to each school in town.

The committee wasted no time approving a request to

## Flags at half-staff for MCPO Kenneth MacDonald, Jr.

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker ordered that the United States of America flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset at all state buildings on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, the day of interment, in honor of Master Chief Petty Officer Kenneth MacDonald, Jr., United States Navy, of Wilmington, who died on Nov. 24, 2019 in Hampton, VA. Master Chief Petty Officer MacDonald, Jr. will be laid to rest at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

(Courtesy photo)



## Girl Scouts Silver Award recipients

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Three Cadettes from Wilmington Girl Scout Troop 65083 were recognized in an award ceremony for their Girl Scout Silver Awards on Friday night at Wilmington United Methodist Church. The three recipients, Rachel George, Tanya Mollo, and Taylor Mills, are currently in the 9th grade at Wilmington High School, Covenant Christian Academy, and Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, respectively.

The Girl Scouts' Silver Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can receive. It's a necessary step on their way to receiving the Girl Scouts

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

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#### Upcoming Events

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmli-brary.org](http://www.wilmli-brary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

#### Cookin' the Books \*RR

Monday, Dec. 16 at 12 p.m.

Featured book: The Perfect Cookie by the editors at America's Test Kitchen.

In this special meeting of Cookin' the Books, attendees will select a recipe and make four dozen cookies to swap (please register recipe choice via the library Events page). Everyone will take home a sampling of all the cookies plus get to taste some at the meeting. Lunch provided — no need to cook!

#### Current Affairs Discussion Group \*RR

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

This group is for all who would like to broaden their knowledge of current national and international affairs. You will have the opportunity to discuss topical events and learn from others. Led by facilitator Dan Hall.

#### Novel Ideas Book Group

Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.  
Featured Book: Miracle Creek by Angie Kim  
Enjoy reading fiction? Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

#### Poetry Circle

Saturday, Dec. 21 from 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Love poetry? The poetry circle is a great opportunity to meet other poets and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

#### Kids & Teen Events

#### Kids Crafts \*RR

Saturday, 2 p.m.

December 14: Holiday Ornaments

This craft is led by 3 Wilmington High School students. Grades 1-5

#### Stories and Sweets

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Start your Saturday morning with great stories (and songs and rhymes) and a few sweet treats at this special family storytime. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults.

#### Gingerbread Houses \*RR

Monday, Dec. 16 at 3:45 or 6:30 p.m.

It's a tradition here to ring in the holidays by making an edible winter cottage. Construct a gingerbread house out of graham crackers. Then decorate it with gumdrops, candy, chocolate and more!

Please bring two empty, clean school milk cartons. All ages

#### Special Holiday Storytime \*RR

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a special holiday themed storytime. We will read stories, sing holiday songs, and make a fun craft! Ages 3-5

#### Steve Blunt Holiday Singalong \*RR

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Singalong to favorite holiday songs with Steve Blunt! All ages

#### Library Hours

Friday December 13

The library will be closed on Friday Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for staff training. The library will be open 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. that day.

## Lorraine Spada School of Dance performance



◀Dancing in the dark. Silhouettes of young dancers. Lorraine Spada School of Dance holiday performance.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)

▼Lorraine Spada Dancers waiting patiently for Santa to arrive, singing holiday songs. Front and center is Madison, not too shy!



▲Mmmmm Ice Cream! Kinsley, Ellie and Serephina relaxing after a great performance.



### It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



## TIMING CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS FOR MAXIMUM TAX BENEFIT

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 increased the standard deduction to \$24,000 for a married couple filing jointly and \$12,000 for single filers. In 2017, the standard deduction was \$12,700 for a married couple filing jointly and \$6,350 for single filers.

As a result of the increased standard deduction, many taxpayers who previously itemized their deductions will now find that their deductible expenses are less than the standard deduction.

However, the charitable deduction can provide a planning opportunity for those with a consistent charitable giving plan.

For example, assume that a married couple annually gives \$20,000 to charitable causes, has a SALT deduction each year of \$10,000, and has no other deductible expenses. In 2018, they would itemize because their total deductions (\$30,000) exceed the standard deduction of \$24,000 by \$6,000. Assuming that their charitable giving remained the same for four years, their total deductions during the four-year period would be \$120,000.

Assume instead that over the same four-year period, the couple "bunches" their deductions by giving \$40,000 to charitable causes in years one and three, resulting in total deductions for each of those two years being \$50,000 (including the \$10,000 SALT deduction each year). In years two and four, because few or no charitable contributions are made, total deductions are \$10,000 for the SALT deduction, resulting in the couple taking the \$24,000 standard deduction. At the end of the four-year period, the couple will now have used \$148,000 of deductions.

As a result of the couple bunching their charitable deductions versus continuing to give the same amount each year, they will likely reduce their overall tax liability for the four-year period.

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This Monday, Dec. 16

## Elderly Services Comm. to make case for new senior center at selectmen meeting

By CASSIA BURNS  
News Correspondent

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Monday Dec. 16, the Wilmington Elderly Services Commission will make their case for a new senior center at the Board of Selectmen meeting. The commission is likely to formally request an article be placed on the 2020 Town Meeting warrant to at least fund a feasibility study for a new senior center.

This push for a new senior center comes after months of planning for action, beginning with

talk at an August Elderly Services Commission meeting, where Audrey Reed read a speech making a case for a new building. Back in October, the Wilmington selectmen, joined by the School, Finance, and Facilities Master Plan committees, began discussions regarding the Facilities Master Plan.

This plan includes revamping or replacing many town buildings, including the Wildwood and Boutwell schools, Town Hall, and the Buzzell Senior Center. At the meeting, members of the public advocated for a new senior center, arguing that now was the time to build it.

More recently, the commission spoke of the need for a new senior center at their meeting back on Nov. 21. This meeting was attended by several members of local government, including members of the selectmen, as well as State Representative Dave Robertson among others. The need for more physical space is one of the primary reasons behind the push for the new facility. According to Com-

missioner Robin Theodos, the Facilities Master Plan states that a minimum of 14,000 square feet is recommended for a building of the senior center's nature. The Buzzell Senior Center currently has 8,308 square feet.

The commission states that this small size prevents the center from expanding their programs, as well as being able to serve their constituents to the extent at which they would like to. Additionally, the current building has many physical issues, including potential asbestos in the walls, no sprinkler system, unusable downstairs, drainage pipes in poor condition, and electrical systems that are not up to current code.

If an article is placed on the Town Meeting warrant, it will come to vote at the next Town Meeting in the spring.

The Elderly Services Commission will make their case for the new senior center at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, Dec. 16. The meeting will be held at Town Hall at 7 p.m.



## English boxer trained in Wilmington for historic fight

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Wilmington has never been the center of any boxing matches. In November 1887, though, an English lightweight boxing champion trained here for a week as he prepared to take on American champion Jack McAuliffe.

Jem Carney had a reputation as a brutal, bare-knuckle fighter. He had come to the U.S. for the stated purpose of lowering the colors of the "boy of Williamsburg," as McAuliffe was known.

A story appeared in the *Boston Globe* on Nov. 6, 1887 about Jem Carney, who was preparing to box Jack McAuliffe, "Napoleon of the Ring." The exact date of the match had not been set, but it was expected within two weeks.

After the last papers were signed for the \$4,500 match, Carney took a retreat at Stockwell's farm on Andover Street in North Wilmington. The *Globe* article was not specific about the location, but the farmhouse was clearly marked on an 1875 map of Wilmington. The *Globe* description said it was in the woods, about three miles from the Wilmington station.

The story said it was about a half mile from the famous James Pearson house, which was reputed to be haunted and had not had a tenant in 20 years. Three murders had taken place there, Carney said, 22 years before. He had some of the details wrong, for was in 1849 that Daniel Pearson murdered his wife and two daughters.

Carney said he liked the area, except for the sandy roads. Part of his exercise routine was walking 20 miles a day.

For much of the year, Carney had been calling himself the lightweight champion of the world, as McAuliffe had been a no-show for a bout on Jan. 25, 1887.

In June, Carney knocked out Jimmy Mitchell and pocketed a \$2,000 prize. Seemingly unable to fight McAuliffe, he was ready to go home. He was about to board a steamship in Boston when McAuliffe personally appeared and stopped him. Another fight was scheduled for Oct. 5, but McAuliffe was sick.



▲ English lightweight boxing champion Jem Carney wanted an isolated location for training for a world title fight in 1887. He stayed a week at the Stockwell Farm on Andover Street, North Wilmington, near the Andover line. (1935 photo American Antiquarian.org.)

The fight finally took place in a barn on Nov. 16. Several record books list Revere Beach as the location, but the *Globe* reported the next day that it had been in Rhode Island. It was to be a fight to the finish; it would only be decided by a knockout. Carney was a strong advocate of bare-knuckle fighting, but this match was with skin gloves.

Carney, 5 ft. 4-1/2, weighed in at 129, McAuliffe at 132 pounds, 5 ft. 6 in. Carney had just turned 32; McAuliffe was a decade younger.

Born in Birmingham, England to Irish parents, Carney began boxing in 1874. In Oct. 1881, he defeated Jimmy Highland, who died four days later. Carney was convicted of manslaughter and spent six months in prison.

Both families had left Ireland after the potato famine in the mid-19th Century. McAuliffe had been born in Cork and was brought to the U.S. when he was very young. He grew up in Bangor, Maine and lived in Williamsburg, a neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y.

McAuliffe had his Brooklyn friend Jack Dempsey as a second, along with his brother Con McAuliffe, while Carney had Arthur Chambers, Patsy Sheppard and Nobby Clark.

The fight was epic, historic, brutal. Carney was dropped three times in the first round. McAuliffe, with superior boxing skill, was considered the winner of the first 10. But the

mean-spirited Carney came back, working to wear down his opponent. He could deliver an extremely hard punch, and would go for the solar plexus.

In the 62nd round, McAuliffe dropped Carney, but the fight was not over. Then in the 70th, it was Carney's turn, dropping McAuliffe with a blow that nearly ended the fight. McAuliffe's seconds brought him back, but he was in a stupor. After he went down again in the 74th round, nearly five hours in, the referee stopped the fight.

Officially, it was a draw. There had been no knockout. Nonetheless, both sides claimed victory. Carney said that McAuliffe could not have lasted another three rounds. McAuliffe claimed that Carney had fouled him throughout the fight and had kneed him. Although he had been beaten physically, McAuliffe had a victory of sorts, remaining undefeated. He kept that record into retirement 10 years later, one of only nine boxers to do so.

Carney announced his retirement less than a month later, still claiming to be the world champion. He never received official recognition of that claim. He returned to England and continued fighting, losing his English title to Dick Burge in 1891.

"What were you given fists for but to fight," he told the *Newcastle Sun* in 1927, "not to stuff them in pillows."

Carney died in London in 1941.

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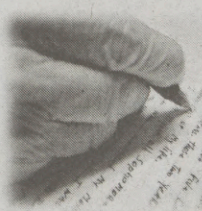
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## Letters to the editor

### A big thank you from We're One Wilmington and Festival of Trees Committee

To the editor,  
We're One Wilmington's Festival of Trees, which took place this past weekend, requires countless hours of planning and execution. The enthusiasm, talent and dedication of our set-up and clean-up crews, bakers, donors, entertainers, WOW members, volunteers, non-profit vendors, and of course our patrons made the Festival of Trees a huge success.

An extra special thank you to Wilmington House of Pizza and 99 Restaurant for keeping our bake sale stocked with pizza, water and popcorn; WCTV and Wilmington Apple for all of the coverage; and St. Thomas of Villanova Church for allowing us to use the hall and for embracing the commotion it causes.

The Festival is brought to life by the big hearts, creativity and thoughtfulness of our donors. We particularly enjoy the stories behind the donations... the group of Winsor Place residents getting together to hand-make ornaments together, the tree inspired by a travelling author to our Wilmington elementary schools writing about her handicap dog Ivy, and the

beautiful Butterfly Tree honoring the life of a mother lost this year (who also happened to be an avid fan of the Festival).

The compilation of these and so many other stories is what you see when you walk into the hall and they are what makes this event magical.

The Festival is WOW's largest fundraiser and is what enables us to do countless acts of kindness in Wilmington each year. Every person who attended and bought a raffle ticket or bake sale item should know that they have helped to put a gift under someone's tree, paid a struggling family's heat or electric bill, put clothes on a child who can't afford them, assisted in a college tuition scholarship, put a care package in the hands of someone who needs a reason to smile... and so much more! This town is special and no thank you will ever be big enough to convey our gratitude.

With best wishes for a wonderful holiday season,

We're One Wilmington  
Board of Directors and  
the Festival of Trees  
Committee

### Santa Claus came to town

To the editor:  
I wanted to let your readers know that for the 48th year, I was invited by the Recreation Department to spend an evening with the children of Wilmington.

Karen, Linda and Brett had an area in Town Hall decorated and set aside for me, and Elliot was there to welcome the children as they arrived for our visit. I look forward to these special moments with the children, receiving their lists and seeing just how much they have changed since last year!

I would like to thank Lucas, Bailey, Jackson, Cameron, Jacob, Kylie, Eogh-an, Alice, Kiera, Milina, Olivia, AJ, Kaylie, Maddie, Tyler, Emmy, Bailey,

Bryce, Finn, Lorenzo, Xavier, Jackson, Lily, Cayley, Cora, Hunter, Jade, Layla, Harper, Harry, Joey, Rylie, Julianna, Zoe, Arianna, William, Diana, Aarav, Aarna, Lindsay, Noelle, Kierstin, Callum, Austin, Rylie, Ellie, Owen, Derek, Walker, Emma, Linnea, and Eamon for setting aside time to visit with me. I will take back fond memories of each of you, and will share your good wishes with Mrs. Claus and everyone back at the North Pole.

I will be back in Wilmington very soon! I look forward to visiting with you again next year.

Merry Christmas to all!  
Santa Claus

### ~Recycling Tip of the Week~

Subaru dealers of New England are recycling snack wrappers including chips, candy and granola wrappers in partnership with Terracycle. Collect your disposable cups, lids, and straws; candy and snack wrappers; and coffee and creamer capsules, then head to your local Subaru retailer to recycle them.

Note: Not all Subaru retailers are participating in this free recycling program. Please call ahead to confirm participation.

In addition, REI in Reading is partnering with Terracycle to take energy bar wrappers and snack bags.

Eco-friendly De-Icing  
Here are some salt alternatives to consider for your home or business:

Sand - Mixed with salt to reduce the amount of salt or used by itself for traction

Ashes - Absorbs moisture before it freezes and increases traction

Kitty Litter - Absorbs moisture before it freezes and increases traction

Coffee Grounds - Natural acidity melts ice and increases traction

Pickle Brine - Lower salt content than road salt but acidity also aids in melting ice

Sugar Beet Juice - Lowers the melting point of ice

Be a good citizen  
Remember to shovel out your mailbox. The US Postal Service will not deliver if they cannot safely reach your mailbox. They must be able to drive by and not exit the vehicle according to the USPS.

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## Shopping locally makes so much sense

By PAUL J. ANDREWS  
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Mass. Ass'n. of School  
Superintendents  
Member of Board of  
Winchester Hospital

First, an incident that was a first for me, as I traveled under the railroad tracks in Winchester Square in recent days taking in all of the beautiful decorations. As I headed to Shore Road and under the noise over my head, it was like huge thunder bolt until I realized I was right under the Downeaster heading north.

The sense was really strange, as it was like you were in an underground MBTA type tunnel, until my mind became clear in terms of what the noise really was. The sound and the setting was perfect for passengers heading north as Winchester Center takes on some great colors at Christmas time, as do all of our local community centers.

Woburn, Burlington, Stoneham, and Reading take on great festive appearances and provide an increase in traffic, as many of the communities pushed the phrase "shop locally" which I want to emphasize in this column. These are the folks in our communities year round and Christmas shopping is so important for them, with the additional benefit being that these folks exchange si-

zes, reduce traffic in getting your shopping done and really treat you well with a "personal touch" to you as the shopper.

Personally, I make it a point to shop locally as I know many of the owners or managers and feel an error in my choice can be easily changed.

#### College

(yes or no-part 2)

Thanks for so many comments on the first column on the Georgetown University research team's study, relative to the state of "return on investment" in getting a college education, as well as listing some of the schools we would guess that bring the most return, i.e. Harvard.

I am sure you would guess these but two of the biggest surprises from the look at 4,500 schools was that two schools of pharmacy and two maritime academy's made the top colleges on the list. The Maine Marine Academy, according to the research team, places 90 percent of the graduates in their chosen career fields within 90 days.

The success of pharmacy schools and graduates came as a surprise not only to the researchers but to the readers of this column last week. The issue seems to be because the career reflects good job security and earnings.

The researchers point out that "one graduate from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy calculated she would graduate in 2016 with a student debt but also a job that makes six figures right off the bat."

I would add her husband made the same choice and they live comfortably in New York.

The study concluded "that even after paying off higher amounts of debt, the average graduate of a private four year college has a net economic gain of \$833,000 over 40 years compared with \$765,000 for a public college graduate."

"Surveys suggest many students are motivated to go to college to learn more about subjects that interest them and to become a better person," said Anthony Carnevale, Director of Georgetown's Center on Education and the Workforce, "but the vast majority cite a career as a primary goal."

Carnevale added, for 16-year olds thinking about their futures, class rankings can help them with good college counseling to perform a risk analysis, adding if they want a quick turnaround, they can choose a certificate program.

A final thought is that colleges are not essential for all but my sense is that a college degree is a must to enter most professions so it comes

down to making the right choice of a career and the right choice for a college plus using the counseling staff in high schools and colleges to provide direction where needed as they have been in that position before, as a student.

#### JUST A NOTE

As I often comment, thanks for your many comments in Town Crier land and feel free to continue your e-mails to andrews@massupt.org.

Now a few extractions from some recent Morning Pulse reports that you may find interesting: Connecticut to stop investing pension money in gun manufacturers; Canadians are not feeling very optimistic about job security or their finances these days; Young people should budget to live to 100, actuaries say; More colleges are teaching financial wellness; Baby boomers reinvent retirement with luxury resort communities; Banks are losing the battle for personal loans; Millennial retirees travel the world instead of buying a home; Clock ticks on state pension bomb; Life expectancy advice risks turning savers into spenders; Climate action is no longer a luxury but a necessity; and Most Americans plan to steer clear of shopping debt this holiday season (That's the plan?).



### Lorraine Spada Dance performance

The Lorraine Spada School of Dance holiday performance at the Methodist Church in Wilmington Saturday afternoon. Front row VIPs are Janenne McCoy, owner Christine Bowman, Nicolette McCoy, Cait Grayson, and Eric Mee. What a show!

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

### Book Stew Review

#### 'The Revisioners' by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This is the author's second book that contains multitudes. Her debut novel, "A Kind Of Freedom," non-linearly told a story of four generations; this one goes back to 1855 and a secret group, The Revisioners, taking Harriet Tubman's Moses path and sending off one enslaved member per year to attempt escape from a Louisiana plantation.

Throughout the family history, white men, as oppressors and partners, abandon the women of the family, or worse. The 1920s finds widow Josephine, former Revisioner and now a free landowner, owning and

managing a farm until a white family moves next door and summons the Klan.

In 2017 New Orleans, descendant Ava moves in to care for her white grandmother Martha, who is receding into vicious racism via dementia. Ava's mother Gladys is a powerful doula who cares for the souls and bodies of a group of pregnant girls while contending with strong visions of ancestor Josephine.

The successes and tragedies in all the black lives that matter are here, in a story filled with poetry in the form of hymns and chants from the spirits of the ancestors.

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## Asian holiday buffet at Bayberry



▲ Chef Victor Casado created a masterpiece of Asian cuisine for Bayberry's favorite people.  
(photos: BruceHilliard.com)

By **SHAUN NEVILLE**  
WCTV Executive  
Director

WCTV crews have been busy across Wilmington over the past week getting holiday programming recorded and on our air.

This past Saturday's Tree Lighting Ceremony aired live on WCTV and is now available on TV and online at [wctv.org/vod](http://wctv.org/vod). There's also a short highlight reel of the event posted to our social media channels.

Last weekend was also the We're One Wilmington Festival of Trees. We've posted a short video to social media and have lots more content coming of the perform-

ances that happened all weekend.

WCTV also had a green screen photo set on Saturday, where people could stop by and make a small donation to get their picture taken with a holiday background. We took nearly 100 pictures and posted them to our Facebook page. This was a lot of fun for us and we hope it was fun for those who participated! Thanks to WOW for letting us have the space on Saturday.

We also have Santa on WCTV! The Sons of Italy's annual Breakfast with Santa event looked like another big success. The visits with Santa were recorded for people to enjoy this year (and years from now!)

Look for all this holiday-themed programming on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. (Comcast 9/Verizon 37) leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we'll air a marathon of Christmas programming, so you can tune in at any point during the day to into the Christmas spirit from Wilmington events.

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We're also in the middle of our Winter Concert Ser-

ies coverage at Wilmington High School.

This Thursday night at 7 p.m. will be the WHS Band and 7th & 8th Grade Band. Watch the concert live on our channels or at [wctv.org/live](http://wctv.org/live).

Next Tuesday, we'll be live again at 7 p.m. to bring you some of the younger band performers. And concerts from the strings and chorus groups are already on our air and available at [wctv.org/vod](http://wctv.org/vod).

If you're looking to watch these concerts re-play on TV, you'll find them on Friday and Sunday nights starting at 7 p.m. They'll also be a part of the Christmas marathon coverage.

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You've got last minute shopping. We've got a fun morning planned! There's a special one-day youth session coming up on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kids will play a game show, have some green screen fun and get a pizza lunch. Contact Marty McCue ([marty@wctv.org](mailto:marty@wctv.org)) to learn more. The cost is \$30. This session is open to kids ages 9-14 and you don't need to have prior WCTV experience to be a part of it.



▲ A few special VIPs were invited to an asian-style holiday buffet created by Head Chef Victor Casado at Bayberry at Emerald Court Tewksbury Assisted Living. There was also Speed Bingo with great prizes. These are the Bingo winners with Bayberry Staff members. Shown are Shannon Gouveia, Adam Gouveia, Diane Welch, Joyce Hamlyn, Victor Casada, Kelly Aceto, Kim Bonefant, Beth Frasca, and Kristin Brown.



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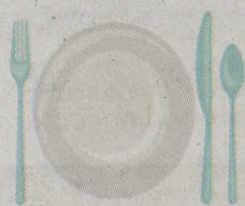
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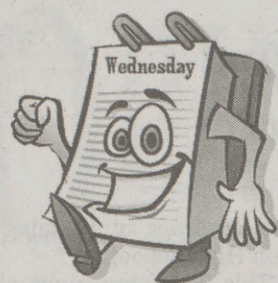
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## Wilmington Calendar:

### Come dance at the Wilmington Sons of Italy, Dec. 28

#### Winter Solstice Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 21 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Harold Parker State Forest Headquarters, 305 Middleton Road in Andover

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#### Blood Drive

Saturday, Dec. 28 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bloodmobile parked at the Fourth of July Building, 142 Middlesex Ave.

Please join the Wilmington Sons of Italy in conjunction with Boston Children's Hospital for a Blood Drive on Saturday,

December 28 at the hospital's Bloodmobile, which will be parked at the Fourth of July Building. This blood drive is dedicated to Julian Sbraccia. To make an appointment, please log on to [half-pints.childrenshospital.org](http://half-pints.childrenshospital.org) and use sponsor code JULIAN. For more information, contact Julie Sbraccia-Manos at 978-284-3260.

#### Wilmington Sons of Italy Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday, Dec. 28  
Elks Hall, 777 South St. in Tewksbury

The Wilmington Sons of Italy is sponsoring a gala Christmas-time dinner dance on Saturday, Dec. 28. The features cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a catered surf and turf dinner prepared by Mr. Jack's of Billerica served family style at 7 p.m. The menu includes cheese and crackers, chicken soup, salad, cheese ravioli in marinara sauce, baked stuffed had-dock, roast beef of sirloin, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, and coffee. Vanilla ice cream with strawberries and Italian cookies from Mirabella's Bakery will be on each table. The cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner musical entertainment

by Street Magic Acapella. After dinner will be surprises and dancing to the musical stylings of Lori and Bill McLaughlin. For tickets, call Michele at 978-658-8284.

#### First Day Hike

Wednesday, Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Harold Parker State Park Headquarters, 305 Middleton Road in North Andover  
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#### Knights of Columbus Cribbage

Mondays through March 2020 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave.

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus is hosting Cribbage games every Monday night through the end of March 2020. The

games are open to the general public (over 21) and begin promptly at 7 p.m. and generally finish up around 9:00 pm. All skill levels are welcome. There is a small entrance fee and cash prizes are awarded every week. The club has wide screen TVs so that you can keep track of your favorite teams. A cash bar is available for those who would like refreshment. The building is located behind St. Thomas church and can be reached by the small access road behind the church parking lot. Access to the building is through the entrance at the rear of the parking lot. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985. If he does not answer the phone, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

#### Alateen

The first and third Thursday of each month

St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens

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#### Safety seat installation

Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

## Tewksbury Calendar:

### Tewksbury's winter concert this Thursday night

#### Tewksbury Memorial High School Winter Concert

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.  
Tewksbury Memorial High School McGrath Auditorium

The Winter Concert features the high school band and chorus. Admission is free and the concert is open to all. Come out, enjoy some holiday music, and celebrate the season with the high school's talented students.

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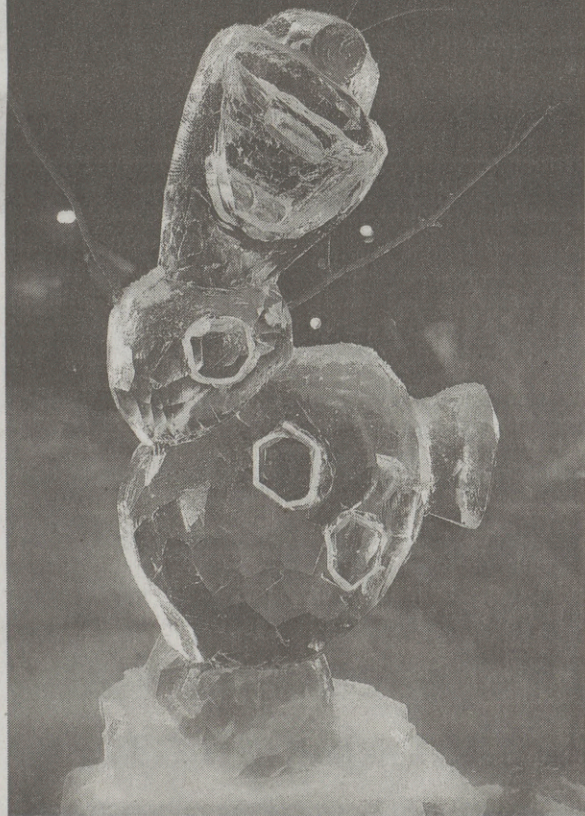
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#### Olaf in ice

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## Blue Christmas at Wilmington United Methodist

WILMINGTON — Wilmington United Methodist Church presents "Blue Christmas, A Service of Remembrance and Hope" on Dec. 22 at 4 p.m.

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the joy of Christmas, you are invited to join us for a quiet service of peaceful remembrance during this season of HOPE.

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## Mass. Office of Consumer Affairs & BBB to offer fraud prevention tips

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Library is hosting an important fraud prevention program this Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, from noon to 1 p.m., with the Better Business Bureau and the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs.

Amy Schram, Community Relations Manager with the Better Business Bureau, will discuss how to best utilize all of the

BBB's free programs and services to help make more educated and informed consumer decisions. She will provide information about BBB's Accreditation and Standards of Trust, plus discover tips on how to avoid falling victim to scammers.

Robin Putnam, Research and Special Projects Manager from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, will

also give a brief presentation on identity theft. She will offer tips on how to spot and avoid scams, and how to prevent identity theft.

Audience questions will be answered at the end of each presentation.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is recommended by calling 978-640-4490 x 205, emailing [rhayes@tekwksbury.org](mailto:rhayes@tekwksbury.org)

pl.org, or visiting the library's online calendar of events at [www.tekwksburypl.org](http://www.tekwksburypl.org), but walk-ins will be welcomed.

For those who cannot attend, Tewksbury Telemedia will be filming this event and will broadcast it on their local TV channel and YouTube channel in the coming week.



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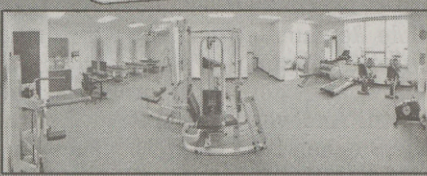
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# OBITUARIES

## Michael 'Mike' Bodnar, Jr. 'Mr. Fix It' could fix just about anything

Michael "Mike" Bodnar, Jr., age 78, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away on Dec. 6, 2019, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Mike was born on March 29, 1941, in Malden; he was the dear son of the late Michael and Julia (Shan-niak) Bodnar. Mike was raised and educated in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School.

Mike was a devoted dad to his daughters Ashley and Larissa; he was so proud of "his girls." A little more than a year ago he became a "Grampa" to Jayson Michael and he couldn't have been more thrilled with that little boy. Mike loved his family with all his heart and would do anything to make them happy.

Mike was a carpenter by trade and worked in the construction business for many years. He was a "Mr. Fix It" and could do just about anything from building to electrical to plumbing and he was always willing to lend a hand or fix a problem for anyone.

Mike was known to be a "creature of habit"; it started every morning with his trip to Dunkin Donuts in Lucci's Plaza with his faithful companion, his dog Callie; they would hang out and have a jelly donut with his "Dunkin's Crew" to shoot the breeze, talk about current events, town business and politics.

Mike could also be found on many days helping out at the Salvation Army Store, tending to his gardens, "puttering" around the house/yard and then heading out on Mondays to "guys night out" at Steve Trites shop in Reading.

Mike loved his beach days at Cranes Beach with his two daughters where he enjoyed long walks in the sand, going to engine shows with the boys and his daughter Larissa, road trips with his girls, and marching with the Wilmington Minuteman in countless parades throughout the years.

Mike will be fondly remembered for his outgoing, friendly, kind and jolly personality; he was always going out of his way to help anyone and never expected anything in return. Mike was truly a wonderful guy who left his imprint on everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Mike is survived by his beloved daughters Ashley "Pumpkin" Bodnar & her husband Julian McClain of Southborough, Larissa "Bookie Bear" Bodnar of Tewksbury and their mother Cheryl Ryan & her husband Wes.

He was the loving "Grampa" of Jayson Michael McClain, cherished son of the late Michael and Julia Bodnar, dear brother of Ronald Bodnar & his wife Joanne of Freedom, NH,



"Uncle Mike" to Eric "Derek" Ryan and Zachary Fuller.

Mike is also survived by his beloved dog and faithful companion Callie, his life-long friends Earl Hupper of Wilmington and Steven Trites of Reading as well as many good friends.

Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 3 - 7 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington. Mike's Funeral Service will take place at the Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. followed by interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a GoFundMe and type in Michael Bodnar.

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## Dr. Annette (Romano) McDonough Tenured professor at UMass Lowell

Dr. Annette (Romano) McDonough of Wilmington passed away on Sunday Dec. 8, at the age of 60 after battling a rare autoimmune disorder.

She was the loving fiancé of John Peasley of Wilmington. Beloved daughter of Richard Romano and Catherine (Fricia) of Reading.

Dear sister of Lori Richard of North Andover and Cloie Romano of Reading. Cherished aunt of Anthony and Jonathan of North Andover and the late Stephen Richard.

Treasured great aunt of Joseph and Anthony. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who adored her.

Annette loved life and although it was cut way too short she spent her time devoted to education, medical research and family.

She earned a PhD. in Cardiac Electrophysiology. She held an MS from the University of Boston in Trauma/Critical Care Education and earned her BS in Nursing.

She was a tenured Professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell where she taught in the Health Science College. Annette was recognized for many achievements through her research work with UMass and Mass General Hospital.

She was a positive influence on so many. She was the pillar of strength and bravery and will be dearly missed by everyone she touched.

Funeral will be held at the Cota funeral home, 335 Park St. (corner of Park Street and Rt. 28 NORTH READING, at Reading line, on Friday Dec. 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass



will follow at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Rt. 62), North Reading at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends may visit at the funeral home on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Interment Wood End Cemetery Reading.

Flowers are welcome, but Donations may also be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 166 Federal St. 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

## Judith A. (Weinrebe) Simmons Served in several clubs including Girl Scouts

Judith A. (Weinrebe) Simmons, age 82, of Woburn, formerly of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 8, 2019.

Judy was born on Feb. 5, 1937 in Boston; she was the cherished daughter of Joseph and Carol E. (Mayer) Weinrebe. Judy was raised and educated in Dorchester; as a teen she was very active in young Judah.

Judy married Peter Simmons and they moved to Wilmington, where they raised their four children, Karen, Linda, Bob and Kenny.

She became very involved in the community; she served in several social clubs including the Girls Scouts for over 25 years. Judy also served as Past President of the Women's Club and High Priestess of the Ladies Oriental Shrine.

In her spare time, Judy was very involved with the senior center. She contin-

ued to maintain her friendships even after she was no longer able to drive. Judy also enjoyed the art classes held at the Wilmington Art Council. Judy was a natural photographer; she took hundreds of pictures throughout the years of her family and friends.

Judith was the beloved wife of the late Peter R. Simmons, devoted mother of Karen E. Chuley of New York, Linda A. Valente of Nashua, NH, Robert J. Simmons of Derry, NH and Kenneth Simmons of San Diego, CA, loving "Gram" of 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Carol E. (Mayer) Weinrebe, dear sister of the late Bernard "Bud" Weinrebe, Norman J. Weinrebe and Celia L. Finnochio.

Judith is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gath-



ered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. - noon immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Judith's name may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887. [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Bloom, DiFronzo make honor roll at Bishop Fenwick

PEABODY — Thomas

Nunan, President, and Cecilia Márquez, Principal, of Bishop Fenwick High School announce the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

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- Dillon Bloom, sophomore, Principal's List
- Rachel DiFronzo, senior, First Honors

► Participants from left are Jaward Alhady, Alex Fiorenza, Rocco Scalfani, Keith McDonald, Kevin Palmerino, Macayla DeAmelio, Brendan George, and Paquette. (Courtesy photo)



## WHS students get a taste of accounting career

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA), the professional association of CPAs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, recently previewed what an accounting career future would look like for 91 students, including eight students from Wilmington High School at its "Is Accounting for Me?" conference at Merrimack College on Nov. 22.

The conference included interactive accounting exercises and workshops, discussions about accounting careers and CPA services, information about college programs and student life and a networking lunch. Students heard from CPAs about their jobs and spoke with college accounting majors about their coursework and experience. They also took part in an accounting-based case study competition fo-

cusing on personal finances.

Amy Pitter, president and CEO of the MSCPA, said these programs are crucial in building and sustaining a pipeline of young people interested and passionate about the profession.

"Today's event is the first step in what could be a very exciting and fulfilling career in accounting for these young people," said Pitter. "Our organization wants to introduce as many students as possible to the many benefits of working as a certified public accountant. The industry is ready and hungry for the next generation."

Teachers selected the students in attendance based on their aptitude for accounting.

The following seniors from Wilmington High School attended the event:

- Jaward Alhady

- Macayla DeAmelio
- Alex Fiorenza
- Brendon George
- Keith McDonald
- Kevin Palmerino
- Connor Paquette
- Rocco Scalfani

For more information about MSCPA's outreach to aspiring CPAs and resources for high school and college students, visit [cpatrack.com](http://cpatrack.com).

### About the Massachusetts Society of CPAs

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc. is the state's professional association of certified public accountants, representing over 11,000 members in public accounting practice, industry and business, government and education. The Society works to develop and maintain high professional standards and offers a wide array of legislative, technical and referral services to its members.

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# Lifestyle

## Get 'nutty' about fruitcake this holiday season

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

**T**here are two things no one wants to find in their Christmas stocking.

One is the obvious, a lump of coal.

The other is the dreaded holiday fruitcake.

Don't get me wrong, some people truly enjoy the sticky, sweet taste of the classic fruitcake. But generally speaking, the fruit cake has a reputation for being the holiday tradition we love to hate.

For those of you that have never enjoyed the "fruits" of eating a Christmas fruitcake, it is a dense, moist, sweet cake with candied fruits, nuts, and raisins.

The earliest fruitcake recipes date back to ancient Rome. It was made with pomegranate seeds, pine nuts, and raisins, but by the Middle Ages, honey, spices and preserved fruits were added.

Later it was discovered by Europeans that sugar from the American Colonies could preserve fruit by creating "candied fruit."

This process not only made the fruit last well past "fruit season" into the winter months, but also preserved the fruit to look more colorful and attractive than dried fruit, making it more popular to enjoy for the holiday season.

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Fruitcake gained popularity throughout Europe, but became a dish exclusively for special occasions in the 18th and 19th century. Ingredients for this cake were expensive and hard to come by, making it a rare treat and delicacy saved for special occasions like Christmas.

The fruitcake reached its height in popularity during the Victorian era. As a favorite treat of Queen Victoria, the fruitcake became a vital part of celebrating holidays and weddings.

Both Princess Diana and Princess Kate (Middleton) served fruitcake at their wedding, keeping this British tradition alive and well in modern England.

The fruitcake has also earned international fame, as countries all around the world have added their own regional spin on this Christmas classic.

In Germany, a sweet bread version of fruitcake is made, known as Stollen.

Different regions of Italy serve forms of fruitcake known as Panforte and Panettone.

A creamy, custard fruitcake, called Crema de Fruta is a Christmas favorite in the Philippines.

The people of Poland enjoy a loaf sponge cake called Keks to celebrate the holiday season.

Switzerland's fruitcake is the sweet, dense Birnenbrot.

Even the Caribbean Islands enjoy a rich, dark, rum soaked fruitcake known as Black Cake.

So, how did this worldwide embraced confection become such a ridiculed dessert?

Some say the birth of the American mail order fruitcake in 1913 was the beginning of the end for the reputation of the fruitcake.

Many companies that produced commercial fruitcake made cakes rich in both fruits and nuts. This started the expression "nutty as a fruitcake" in 1935, adding to the joke like lure of the fruitcake.

Soon, mass produced cakes lost their "holiday delicacy" stature when the cakes became heavy, hard and lacked flavor. Being sold in catalogs and as charity fundraisers also added to the commonplace nature of the modern fruitcake.

Traditional fruitcake recipes are saturated with liqueurs or brandy and covered in powdered sugar, both of which prevent the growth of mold on the fruitcake.

Fruitcakes can also be stored in wine soaked linens, adding to the shelf life of the cake.

A traditionally made and stored fruitcake can be edible for up to 25 years, but this fact has actually made the cake less appealing to holiday consumers and has added to the ridicule of this holiday tradition.

Late night talk show host Johnny Carson is credited with the joke making reference to the fact that there may only be one fruitcake in the world that is passed from family to family each year. Jokes of a similar nature continue to circulate about the fruitcake today.

All hope is not lost for the beloved fruitcake tradition. There are many new twists you can add to this Christmas classic to make it more appealing to a modern appetite.

Try upgrading your recipe to one that features caramel and apples.

Another new twist is to ditch the traditional candied fruit for other fruits like banana or pineapple.

Convert this unloved cake recipe into cookie form... who can resist a cookie?

We all know that everything's better with chocolate! Yes, even fruitcake!

A little eggnog goes a long way with flavor for your fruitcake, and how about fruitcake fudge? Do I need to say anything else after you have heard the word fudge?!

Fruit and cream cheese are a perfect combination, so try cream cheese frosting to take your fruitcake to the next level.

Whether it is nostalgia or family tradition, this holiday classic seems to be here to stay. This year, instead of scoffing at the fruitcake, embrace it! For great ideas on how to make a modern day fruitcake that will become a beloved family tradition, visit [www.delish.com/fruit-cake-recipes](http://www.delish.com/fruit-cake-recipes).



▲ Panettone - Fruitcake from Italy

(Heather Burns photos)



▲ Traditional fruitcake

▼ Stollen - Fruitcake from Germany







## Tewksbury Police Log

### Lowell man arrested for shoplifting, drug possession

Monday, December 2

7:29 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a downed wire in the road at Briarwood Road. Caller reported no power outage but cable service was out in the area. Police sent and Verizon was notified.

11:15 a.m. - Three large dogs were running around at Bligh Street. The caller reported one dog was acting aggressive towards her daughter. Animal control and police sent. The dog owner was able to get his dog back home.

6:06 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he has locked himself in the bathroom at Dunkin' Donuts after a male party that he felt threatened by in the past came into the store. Police sent. The caller was spoken to and the other party left prior to arrival. Officer filed a report.

9:35 p.m. - A 911 call from Main Street reported a fight broke out in the first floor. Police sent. All units cleared, but later another 911 caller reported the same man arguing. Officer sent and one man was

sent to protective custody.

Tuesday, December 3

10:13 a.m. - Plow driver at Mill Street reported he was threatened. Police sent and filed a report.

1:58 p.m. - A walk-in requested to speak to an officer, for they were being threatened at Darby Street. Officer filed a report.

7:52 p.m. - Police sent at Ames Hill Drive with a suspicious motor vehicle. Angel Lopez, 24, of 945 Riverside Dr. at Methuen, was arrested and charged with distribute class D drugs and possess to distribute class D drugs.

8:49 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver at Main Street and Pleasant Street. Police sent. They pulled over the motor vehicle at Marshall Street. Police spoke with the parties and there was no issue.

11:36 p.m. - Caller stated intoxicated person at Oscar Pinata's. Police sent. They performed a courtesy transportation to Motel 6.

Wednesday, December 4

6:01 a.m. - Police sent to attempt to serve a warrant at Old Main Street. Justin Paglia, 20, of 332 Old Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation violation.

4:14 p.m. - Loss prevention at Walmart called in violent male. Justin Velmore, 27, of 55 Central St. in Stoneham, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Thursday, December 5

2:05 p.m. - A 911 caller stated shoplifting at Market Basket North. Edward Nourse, 33, of 43 Summer St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with forge/misuse RMV document Massachusetts driver's license, arrestee furnish to law enforcement false identification information, shoplifting by asportation, and a warrant for possess class A drugs.

10:25 p.m. - Female caller stated a dark colored sedan parked at Patriot Road for over 45 minutes.

It was occupied and running. Police sent. Caller called back updating that a light colored SUV came by and flicked its lights and the dark sedan followed it down Sharon.

Friday, December 6

10:54 a.m. - Nathan Jenkins, 45, of 2 Clark Road in Nashua, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended and speeding in violation special regulation.

4:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male wearing a trench coat with a hood was acting suspicious at Dress Barn. Police contacted the business and spoke with someone who stated the man made a purchase and left the area. Police sent. Officer cruised the parking lot but the male was gone on arrival.

8:10 p.m. - A 911 call from Longhorn Steak House reported a male party causing a disturbance and throwing beverages. Police sent. It was an argument between two males in the same party having dinner and one of the parties

threw his glass in the water. Police reported both parties left the restaurant prior to arrival. Officer filed a report.

10:59 p.m. - A residential burglar alarm at Minute-man Way showing the kitchen door. Police sent. A broken door and footprints were in the snow to and from the residence. Construction notified for board up of broken door. Police requested State Police chemist respond. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, December 7

2:59 a.m. - Police out at Woburn Street with an open door. Police sent. Possible oversight and the door was locked and building was secure.

11:20 a.m. - Police reported he received a call about a suspicious vehicle at River Road. More police sent. Officer checked the area and reported the vehicle was gone on arrival.

12:01 p.m. - Police checked the motor vehicle for damage vehicle parked behind Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. Driver's side tire was blown out and looked like old damage. No report needed.

3:20 p.m. - Loss prevention reported shoplifter leaving Home Depot. Po-

lice sent. Nicole Augusta, 35, of 30 Tomahawk Dr. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200.

5:03 p.m. - Clerk from Motel 6 reported an intoxicated male giving the clerk a hard time. He wanted a room without the property cards. Police sent. The male was spoken to and had left.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported he was at Wilmington Plaza and was struck in the face by Leon Street female. He went to her home to ask why when her mother assaulted his girlfriend and the father chased him away with a night stick. Officer filed a report.

10:09 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on Route 38 pulled into Walmart. Vehicle was now on Route 38 headed towards Lowell. Lowell Police Department was notified. Officer reported the vehicle was gone on arrival.

Sunday, December 8

1:19 a.m. - Caller reported he could hear a humming noise coming from the direction of East Street by the bus company at Quincy Road. Police sent. All was quiet.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Male party arrested for assault and battery on elder

Monday, December 2:

1:11 a.m. - Police notified the Department of Public Works of a reported low cable wire on Nichols Street, cautioning them in case they sent a large truck through the area.

6:36 a.m. - A Toyota Camry drove into a snowbank at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Main Street. The vehicle also downed a stop sign and a street sign. A pole was hit as well but not damaged.

9:41 a.m. - A backhoe and a GMC Sierra got in a minor collision on Main Street. The driver of the GMC got himself to the

hospital after signing a patient refusal for medics on scene.

2:05 p.m. - Police drove an elderly man home after he drove his Mercedes E 320 into a swampy ditch on Wildwood Street. His vehicle was towed.

4:49 p.m. - A Honda Accord was towed out of a snowbank by the corner of Burlington Avenue and Forest Street.

Tuesday, December 3:

7:39 a.m. - The side mirrors of a postal truck and a Ram 1500 clipped each other as the vehicles passed on West Street.

9:25 a.m. - Police coiled a wire that was impeding traffic on Nichols Street and put it to the side of the road. The wire seemed to have been knocked down by a falling branch.

10:28 a.m. - A Jeep Compass slid into a Kia Sport while turning the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Glen Road.

10:32 a.m. - A motor vehicle collision involving a Chevrolet Silverado and a Jeep Compass occurred at the intersection of Burlington Avenue and Chestnut Street. No one was injured and damage to the vehicles was minor.

11:50 a.m. - A Hyundai

Santa Fe knocked over a fire hydrant and damaged a recycling barrel at a Boutwell Street residence. The Water Department and Department of Public Works were notified of the damages.

4:22 p.m. - A motor vehicle collision occurred in the parking lot of CVS on Main Street. A Honda Accord and a Chevrolet Equinox sustained minor damage. No one was injured.

Wednesday, December 4:

9:49 a.m. - A North Reading police officer notified Wilmington police of a vehicle off the road by a nursing home on Woburn Street. An ambulance sent

to the scene found that the vehicle was stuck in the snow but the driver was not injured. A tow truck was called to remove the vehicle from the snow bank.

2:34 p.m. - A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Toyota 4Runner and a Ram ProMaster. The vehicles pulled into the parking lot of Enterprise and police assisted with a paperwork exchange.

3:35 p.m. - A motor vehicle collision occurred on Burlington Avenue involving a GMC Acadia and a Mercury Grand Marquis. No one was injured and no tow was necessary.

Thursday, December 5:

5:30 a.m. - After a collision with a Honda Civic by Heavenly Donuts on Main Street, a truck driver was summonsed for driving after his license was suspended.

9:50 a.m. - An International truck and an Acura RSX were in a collision at the intersection of Route 125 and Ballardvale Street. No injuries were reported.

Friday, December 6:

10:15 a.m. - Police were notified of graffiti found a week before on a Main Street building by a detec-

tive.

4:30 p.m. - Police responded to a collision between a Mitsubishi Lancer, a Ford E-250, and a Mazda 3 on Judith Road due to a verbal altercation between two of the drivers. While on scene, they arrested Daniel Hamilton, 28, of 21 Odell Ave. in Beverly for assault and battery on an elder and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

8:00 p.m. - A Ford Fusion was towed after it crashed into a snowbank by the corner of Salem Street and Anthony Avenue. The driver received a written warning for speeding and a verbal warning for driving without his license in his possession. He was driven to the Tewksbury line by police.

Saturday, December 7:

11:36 a.m. - A Lexus GS 430 was towed due to engine issues after a collision with a Toyota RAV4 by Firestone on Main St. The Toyota remained drivable.

Sunday, December 8:

12:38 p.m. - A Chevrolet Express and a Mercedes GLE were in a collision in the Shriners parking lot on Fordham Road while the Chevrolet was parked. The right rear side of the Chevrolet was badly damaged.

10:50 p.m. - A Saturn S rolled over due to snow on Ramp 40. The state highway department was called in to remove the snow.

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## Festival of Trees

Santa's helper, Mary Krikorian, with a basket full of candy-canes for the kids. Mary has been a resident of Wilmington for 52 years.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## Three Wilmington Girl Scouts recognized

SCOUTS FROM PAGE 1

Gold Award, which is the highest award any Girl Scout can earn.

In order to qualify for the Silver Award, according to the Girl Scouts of America website, the Cadette is required to be in sixth grade or above and have completed the Cadette Journey. Each of Friday night's three recipients completed the Cadette Journey and a Take Action project.

Troop 65083 co-leader Nick Mollo helped Baldwin Service Unit Activities Coordinator and Silver Award Consultant Marie Normoyle organize the ceremony, featuring Wilmington guest speakers with whom the girls worked during their projects. Normoyle started the ceremony by citing these three girls' dedication to better their community. She led into the part where they lit candles and recited the statements of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Next, Nick "Mister" Mol-

lo explained that during the required Cadette Journey, the girls selected a project where they learned about themselves while at the same time fulfilling the requirements for a number of Girl Scout patches.

Rachel George and Tanya Mollo's Cadette Journeys involved a lot of time spent in the outdoors. Guided by Nick Mollo, the pair entered into a camp setting, where they practiced packing light, hiking, tent-making, and cooking outdoor meals on a campfire.

"We learned to camp more backwoods than a lot of Girl Scouts do," Tanya Mollo shared.

For Taylor Mills' Cadette Journey, she studied the effects of social media on mental health.

For their Take Action projects, they had to choose something that would have a lasting effect on the community and build toward a sustainable future. The girls worked closely with Director Karen Campbell of the Wilmington Recrea-

tion Department after noticing trash and stray fishing lines in Silver Lake.

"We saw that people were dumping stuff into the lake and not respecting the laws," Mollo continued.

For more information, they thought to survey people at Town Beach to determine what they knew of the Silver Lake restrictions.

As a solution, they sought approval from the town to have waste fishing line collectors installed in the lake. One of the things that Rachel George appreciated learning was how to pitch an idea when they presented the line collectors to Town Manager Jeff Hull.

After they constructed the collectors themselves, they wrote feedback to the Recreation Department regarding the town's fishing derbies. This required more than 50 hours of project time to complete.

When Normoyle presented each Cadette with her Silver Award pin, the parents placed the pin on their



▲ Wilmington Girl Scouts, from left, Tanya Mollo, Taylor Mills and Rachel George were recently recognized as Silver Award recipients.

daughter's Girl Scout vest. One at a time, George, Mills and Mollo came up to thank everyone for coming and share the results of their hard work.

Mills said, "We've made Silver Lake a safer environment for everyone to enjoy."

They each valued the opportunity to use the skills that they'd been

learning to benefit the local environment.

Finally, Wilmington Town Manager Hull and State Representative David Robertson both presented official recognition to these Silver Award recipients. Hull brought certificates of achievement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, acknowledging their perceptiveness and ingenuity

in the Take Action project. Robertson offered congratulations for their initiative and leadership alongside their citations from the House of Representatives.

At the end of the ceremony, everyone in attendance moved across the hall from the WUMC sanctuary for refreshments.

## School Committee discusses school improvement plan

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

submit for the next Town Meeting a warrant article to rename the WHS Band Room in honor of Barbara Mette, who's retiring at the end of this school year.

"I'd like to ask the School Committee that they request of the selectpersons that an article be placed on the warrant of the next Town Meeting. The request in the article would be to name and to dedicate the music room in Ms. Mette's honor," the request from Jeff Cranford read. "Any-

one who has worked with her or had their kids impacted by her work over the years knows how incredibly she has served us."

The School Committee or whomever they decide would be able to choose and design a plaque in her name, and Cranford would pay for it.

Wilmington Middle School staff brought for the School Committee a presentation for their school improvement plan, which would put special focus on helping students who are below

reading level, social-emotional support and development, and bridging home and school partnership.

The last item on the agenda before they discussed some revised School Committee policies and upcoming town events was the Massachusetts School Building Authority prospective grant application.

Dr. Brand shared that he has met with Town Manager Jeff Hull and the Board of Selectmen to discuss the grant application for the MSBA, which the committee would be starting, for

all six schools in town in need of updating.

He explained that Wildwood Street School would be their first priority for the grant, but their intent with applying for all six is to open the door for building consolidation between several schools.

The committee voted in favor after discussion.

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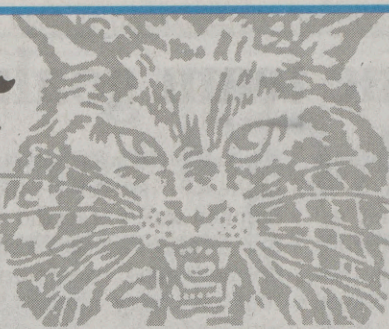
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## Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year: Bailey Smith

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WILMINGTON - Back in late November of 2017, then Wilmington High School senior quarterback Graham Smith was being interviewed by the Town Crier for a Thanksgiving Section feature story. He was asked about his younger brother, Bailey, who at the time, was just a sophomore and causing havoc as one of the team's linebackers.

"He's a great linebacker," Graham replied as a matter of factly. "He's probably the best player in the Smith Family. He really is. He's

always been a tough kid. I used to be good but he makes every tackle and seeing that is just awesome. The Stoneham game he made about fifteen solo tackles and I thought that game alone would get him a (Boston Globe) honorable mention (for player of the week). He had a lot of tackles that game."

Bailey played in that Thanksgiving Day game with his brother for the final time. Since then, Graham has gone off to play college baseball, while Bailey stayed here at Wilmington High School.

This past calendar year,

Bailey certainly backed up the words from big brother as a multi-sport athlete.

After playing JV baseball during his freshman and sophomore seasons, Bailey made the jump to varsity this season and all he did was be the only male athlete from WHS to be named to a Middlesex League All-Conference team during the spring season. Then this past fall, he was named for the second straight season to the ML All-Conference Football team, as you would guess, as a linebacker.

And those two reasons, among others, is why

Bailey Smith is this year's Wilmington Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year.

"He was Wilmington's lone All-Conference selection, again this year," said head football coach Craig Turner. "That's a pretty high praise really. All of us (league coaches) vote on every single guy in every single position so it's certainly high praise as he was voted as one of the top four linebackers in the entire conference. That's the second straight year that he has been chosen as an all-conference linebacker. When we go to those meetings and stuff, everyone always knows or says that you have to stay

away from number forty-three first and then go from there."

Heading into the Thanksgiving Day game, Smith had 105 tackles on the season, averaging about 10.5 per game and had 17 tackles for loss of yards.

"I think he's a kid who is going to be a very good player at the next level," said Turner. "You may see him move back as a strong safety and he can play maybe hybrid in the box. There's a lot of Division 3 schools who are interested in him. He's kind of small. If he was 6-foot-1, maybe he would have a better shot at

(Division 1 or 2 schools), but being 5-foot-9, that's tough."

### SPOTTING THE TWO BIGGEST FANS

Bailey comes from a very athletic and competitive family. His father Kevin was a three-sport athlete at WHS in soccer, hockey and baseball. His mother Deb is easily the most incredible cheerleading coach around, building multiple league, state, New England and National championship teams from every level through several decades.

Bailey's older sister

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The 26th annual Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year is Bailey Smith, the senior from WHS, who excelled in both baseball and football this past calendar year. He was all-conference in both sports.

(baseball photo by Bob DeChiara; football by Joe Brownphotos.com.)

## Pop Warner D Cheerleading team celebrate as National Champions

B Team also shines and finishes second

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ORLANDO, FLORIDA -

On Monday, two Wilmington Pop Warner Cheerleading teams proved once again that

hard work, dedication plus talent equals fulfilling dreams that will last a lifetime.

Held at the Disney Complex, the D Team captured the National Cheerleading competition

title, while the B team finished as the National Finalists.

The D team became the ninth national championship team for Wilmington Pop Warner since Jackie Welch guided the D team to a title back in 2004.

In the following two seasons, Deb Smith guided the A team to back-to-back national titles. Then in 2007 Nancy Sullivan was the coach of the A team which won it again. After that came four titles in 201, 2011, 2013 and then the 2014 Grand National Champion D Team was crowned again, before the ninth title was earned on Monday behind the coaching staff of Deb Smith, Nicole Minghella French, Trisha Fennelly, Lauren Parisi, Christina Zuccaro and Mikayla Russell.

"All of these teams would not have been successful without the support of Cheer Director Tricia Welch, Janine Hersom and Christina Zuccaro as well as many dedicated Board members

past and present and the amazing support from the Wilmington Community," said Smith.

The 2019 D team is a large level-3 Junior Pee Wee Team which is comprised of girls ages 9-12 and had 15 returners from last year's Level 2 Jr. Pee Wee team which placed second at Nationals, along with 14 new kids from the E team, who had never cheered before this season.

"This team has had an amazing season, outscoring many teams in the level three division," said Smith. "This team placed first at every competition including the Middlesex League, the Eastern Mass competition, and the New England Region competition, earning their title of New England Region Champions which earned the team a spot at the Nationals."

In Monday's competition, the D Team finished first with the Flemington Falcons of New Jersey

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The Wilmington Pop Warner D Cheerleading team were crowned the National Champions on Monday down in Orlando, Florida. The team includes front row from left, Grace McLennan, Gianna Jordan, Avery Piantedosi, Jalyn Redmond, Olivia Strangie, Amellie DeBloise, Taylor O'Connell, Kayla Butler, Lilly King, Lillian French and Megan Gillespie; the second row includes from left, Amnesia Tiberio, Aubrey Annarelli, Kayla Spencer, Isabella Cooper, Ella Avery, Hailey Reguera, Lyla Murphy, Ashley O'Donnell, Leah Matton and Alexia Valente; third row from left, Christina Zuccaro Cheer Director, Michaela O'Brien student coach, Ava Potvin, Isabella Lucchini, Lilly McLaughlin, Maya Lanzi, Head Coach Deb Smith, Sophia Calumby, Zoey Helbert, Ava Thibert, Teresa Graham, Nicole Minghella French Coach, Kaitlyn Gillespie student coach and Joe McCauley President. Missing from photo Tori Ciampa student coach and Mikayla Russell Coach.

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# Wildcats shooting for the same team goal: state tournament bid

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WILMINGTON - For the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team, their goal this season remains the same as it was last season, and the season before that. Namely, they aim to qualify for the Division 3 North Tournament by any means possible.

With their schedule in the Middlesex League which is primarily made up of Division 2 schools, it is often difficult for the Wildcats to qualify in the traditional manner of finishing with a .500 or better record.

For the past two seasons that has meant getting in via the Sullivan Rule, in which the Wildcats have qualified based on their record against Division 3

schools only.

Last season the Wildcats qualified despite going 5-15 overall in the regular season due to their 3-2 record against Division 3 teams. They then proceeded to give No. 3 seed Shawsheen Tech a battle in the first round of the Division 3 North Tournament before ultimately falling by a score of 70-56.

"It's something we talk about with these guys. We want to make the tournament and there are multiple ways to do it," Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram said. "We don't focus on how we get there, as long as we get there. And once we get there, we know we can battle because of the schedule we have faced during the season."

"Last season after the

tournament game, (Shawsheen coach) Greg Bendel, told me that we are not what our record says. We talk about that all the time. We played well with Division 3 teams all season. Shawsheen Tech was a very good team, but we felt like we could play with them."

The Wildcats will be looking to repeat the feat again this season, although it will not be easy after losing both Stephen Anthony and Chris Stokes to graduation, both of whom were key contributors to the Wildcats last season.

"Those two are tough to replace. Stephen had some performances that were just outstanding scoring wise and he will be so hard to replace," Ingram said. "And Chris also will be hard to

replace. He was not our highest scorer like Stephen was, but he did so many things for us. They are both good leaders and that is very hard to replace."

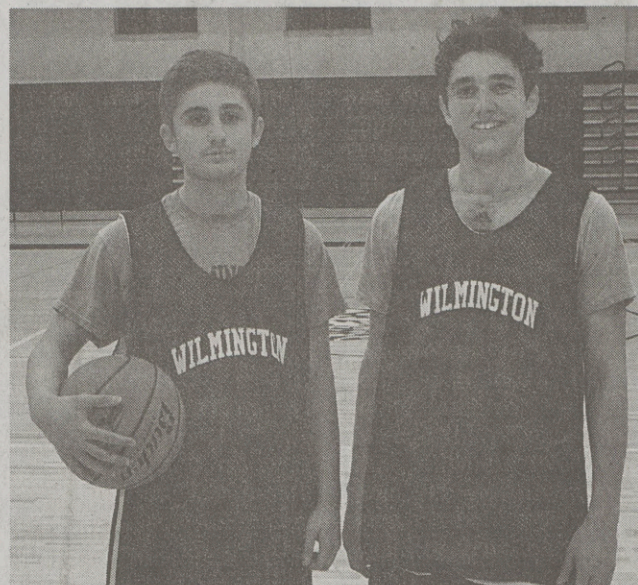
On the positive side for the Wildcats, while they lost those two key players, they are also bringing back a solid group of players from last season's squad and Ingram feels like his team could actually improve on last season's record.

"I feel like we are getting better every year as far as our depth at all three levels of the program, and I feel like we are getting closer to where we want to be as a program," Ingram said. "And that depth is apparent at the varsity level for us."

The Wildcats will play a four-guard offense this season, and perimeter shooting will be their strength, and two of the players they will be counting on most will be seniors co-captain Ryan Clarke and Kevin Palmerino.

"Ryan went down with a shoulder injury last season and that really hurt us a lot," Ingram said. "He is not afraid to do a lot of things that don't show up in the paper all the time, like diving after loose balls. He is coming off a very good season as a captain for the soccer team and we feel like he will have a good season for us."

"As for Kevin, in the second half of the year, he was fantastic for us. Late in the season we had a game we had to win against St. Joe's and he 15 points in the fourth quarter. He was something



The captains on this year's WHS Boys Varsity Basketball team include, Kevin Palmerino, left, and Ryan Clarke. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

like 7-for-8 in the fourth quarter. He really stepped up for us and we feel like he can have a big season."

Junior Kevin Witalisz will be another guard who will contribute for the Wildcats after having a big season last year, while senior center Andrew Munsie will provide the Wildcats with some size inside at 6'1.

"Kevin played a lot for us last year as a sophomore, so he comes in with a year of varsity experience, so we will see some improvement from him this season. He is a kid who can really click from the perimeter," Ingram said. "We will be looking for Andrew to kind of take the next step for us. We will be looking for him to fill a tough role for us."

"After last season he dedicated himself to getting into better shape and he came into the season ready to go, so we are looking for big things from him."

Other players looking to earn playing time for the Wildcats will be senior Connor Paquette, juniors Jimmy McCarron, Ryan Forcina Bryce Keaveny and DJ Ricupero, and sophomores Will Doucette and Tommy Mallinson and Willie Stuart.

"There are lots of opportunities for playing time with this team," Ingram said. "We are looking to see who clicks well and who plays well together."

The Wildcats will need to play well together in order to compete in the Middlesex League where Ingram knows his team will be tested in every game.

"Burlington will be good, Watertown is always good, Wakefield won the section last season and Melrose is always good," Ingram said. "Everyone is good in this league, so we know we have to come to compete every night, and we know if we do that, we will be ready for the post season."

## High expectations remain the same for girls basketball team

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Entering this season on the heels of a very successful 12-8 campaign last season and with a roster that includes three starters and two other players who saw significant playing time last season, expectations are very high for the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team as the prepare for their season opener on Friday night on the road against Burlington.

But those expectations are no higher than normal, according to Wildcats coach Jessica Robinson, who nonetheless is eager to get the season started.

"My hopes are the girls remain confident going into the season, as we play a tough schedule within the Middlesex League and we have scheduled a few tough non-league opponents to be better prepared come tournament time," Robinson said. "In my three years at Wilmington we have always had high expectations, and this year is no different. The girls are excited and ready for a great season."

While the Wildcats enter the season minus some key players from last year's squad, including tri-captains Gabby Bond, Cassidy Collins and Gina Mastorilli, they do bring back eight total players from last season, including three starters, senior guard Jenna Tavanese, senior forward Olivia Almeida and junior forward Kylie DuCharme, all of whom are expected to play even bigger roles with the team this season.

"Jenna, Kylie and Olivia have all played basketball all year round and improved," Robinson said. "Kylie is stronger and more polished around the rim, she will be a difficult player for anyone to guard, as she has the length of a post player, but the skills of a guard."

"Jenna has increased her speed and strengthened her ability to get to the rim off the dribble and create for herself or those

around her. Olivia has improved her game all around with a lot of hard work in the off-season, most notably her shooting and her defensive skills."

DuCharme and Tavanese in particular will be counted on to lead the Wildcats after both having tremendous seasons last year.

"Kylie and Jenna are both very good basketball players, but even better kids. They are both solid leaders and try to make everyone around them better," Robinson said. "We are very lucky to return our two leading scorers, Kylie our leading rebounder, and Jenna our leading assist person. They both played very well in the off-season on their AAU teams, so playing against that level of competition has helped them each grow their game."

Tavanese will also serve as one of the Wildcats tri-captains, along with Alyssa Morrison and Almeida. Robinson is looking forward to seeing these three players in that role, and feels they are well prepared to lead the team on and off the court.

"Liv, Jenna and Alyssa have been great leaders thus far. Their excitement for the season has been contagious," Robinson said. "Liv and Jenna were great in organizing things and communicating to the team in the off-season (Alyssa had soccer). They will be an effective group of captains as we go through the season because they all have different styles of leadership that will help the team grow."

While the Wildcats were still working on the rest of their starting lineup as of the Town Crier's press time, several other players will definitely be contributing to the team's success this season, starting with junior Jenna Sweeney and senior Annie Wingate.

"Jenna and Annie both got significant playing time last season because of their defensive abilities and quickness," Robinson said. "Both girls were tasked with guarding

some of the stronger players in our league last year and did a nice job. I see them filling somewhat of the same role this year, as their athleticism is the strongest part of their game."

Kayla Smith and Madi Grace, along with Morrison, are the other returning players for the Wildcats and Robinson knows she will be able to count on them once again to help the Wildcats win some games this season.

"Kayla has improved in the off-season, and had a nice showing in our first scrimmage, as she has gotten stronger with the ball under the hoop," Robinson said. "Madi is a senior guard also did a nice job in the scrimmage, showing improved basketball decision making."

"Alyssa is a solid role player for the team, as she always works hard, she gives us some of what we lost in Gina Mastorilli and Cass Collins."

Several newcomers will also be counted on to play key roles this season, including junior forward Kiara Nadeau, sophomore guards Olivia Spizuocco and Rita Roche and freshman Jessica Collins.

"Kiara is another kid who works exceptionally hard and I would consider a great teammate, as she is always positive and encouraging. Kiara has also improved quite a bit this off season," Robinson said. "Olivia and Rita are both good athletes that are highly coachable and solid defenders," Robinson said.

"Jessica is a natural athlete with length and great footwork. Jess comes in with a solid skill set and a big ceiling."

With a talented group of returning players, as well as a promising group of newcomers, the Wildcats will be looking to compete for the Middlesex League Freedom Division title, but Robinson knows it will not be easy.

"The league is always strong, hard to say who will be the top teams," Robinson said. "But we know we will have a tough schedule, as we always do in the Middlesex League."

## On the ice, Wildcats preparing to be competitive in tough league

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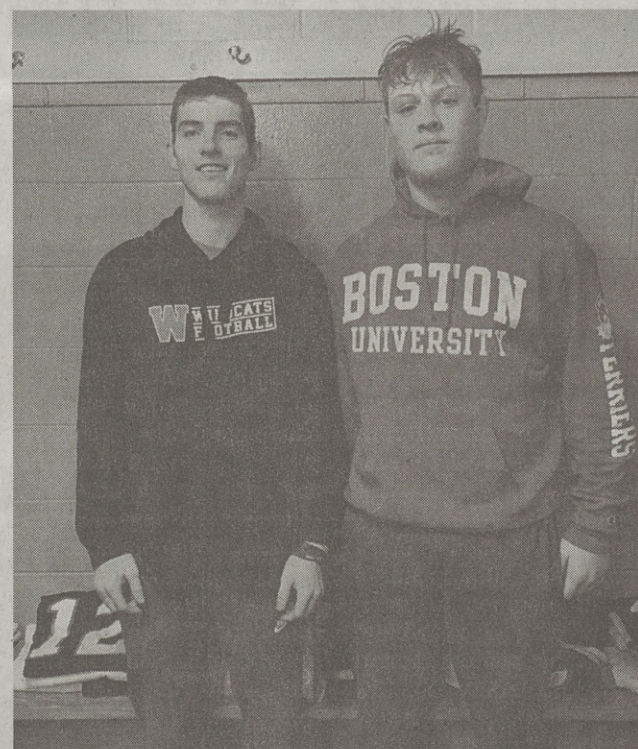
WILMINGTON - The 2018-19 Wilmington High School boys' ice hockey season was filled with a lot of ups and downs. In the end, the team rallied down the stretch and played significantly better, qualified for the Division 2 North Sectional tournament under the Sullivan Rule, beat Wakefield, 5-2 in a preliminary round game, before losing to No. 1 seed Masconomet by the same score, which ended the team's season with an overall record of 9-12-1.

Reached Monday night for an interview, veteran head coach Steve Scanlon said that nothing has been sorted out in terms of forward line combinations, but believes that once everything is settled, he should have a competitive group.

"We could be more balanced this year up front in terms of scoring goals, but so far in the scrimmages we have had, we have struggled to score," he said. "We have some pretty new defensemen, but we have a veteran goalie back in Anthony Cuozzo. I think we have a lot of similar players, who have been real good so far and just a real hard working group so that's always a good thing when you have that. I think we're a little bit deeper on the forward line and at times during the season, I'd be comfortable throwing all four lines out there."

"I think once we finally figure everything out, we could potentially have two good forward lines and then we have a lot of interchangeable parts to make up the third and fourth lines and I'd be comfortable with any of those kids. I think we're looking better as we get more practice time together and we're hoping that continues."

This year's team will be led by captain Jared Venezia, who is battling a minor injury right now, as well as assistant captain Christian Robarge. The two of them will be in the



forward rotation along with other returners Zack Anthony has been real. The 2019-20 WHS Boys Varsity Hockey team will be led by captain Jared Venezia (right) and assistant captain Christian Robarge. (courtesy photo).

Kincaid, Joe Hill, Brendan George, Jason Davey, Taylor Padluskus and Peter Kourkoutas.

The newcomers include junior transfer Robbie Courtney, who comes over from Arlington Catholic as well as juniors Chris Bernazani, Drew and Derek Gallucci and another transfer sophomore Riley Fitzgerald, who comes over from Belmont Hill.

On defense, the team returns holdovers Matt Pendenza, Justin Crowley and James Kourkoutas and the newcomers include senior Ryan Packer, junior Anthony Savage and sophomore Aiden Murphy.

Cuozzo returns in net and he is coming off two solid seasons. Last year he missed the last month of the season and then sophomore Alex Fitzler became the starter and he did really well, but is out for the season with a knee injury he suffered from the soccer season. Junior Sam Cedrone, who was out all of last year with his own injury after a strong freshman season at the JV level, will serve as the back-up and has also

ly good for us," said Scanlon. "He is steady. He's a big kid, who takes up a lot of room in the net and holds his position well. I'm comfortable with him back there as well."

Wilmington will open the season on the road on Saturday against Belmont. Actually the team's first five games and seven of the first eight are on the road as the home opener isn't until December 31st.

"In the Freedom Division, Burlington and Melrose should be the cream of the crop," said Scanlon. "Last year Melrose was starting what will probably be a three-year span of a lot of young, talented kids going through the program so I think it'll be a two horse race between them and then it'll be us, Wakefield and Stoneham battling it out."

"Whenever you get to the crossover games, Arlington, Winchester and Reading are just really good teams, who all have a lot back from last year. Any point you can get in a crossover game is huge."



The tri-captains on this year's WHS Girls Basketball team includes from left, Alyssa Morrison, Olivia Almeida and Jenna Tavanese. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



## WHS Girls Hockey Preview

## Small squad has some big lofty goals for this season

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WILMINGTON -- As third-year coach John LaPiana ran them through their paces at a recent practice, it became obvious that the assemblage of athletes that make up the Wilmington girl's hockey team face a number of stumbling blocks if they hold out hope for a trip to the post-season in 2020.

As the new season gets underway, it is understood that the team is youthful, featuring a half-dozen underclassmen on a 15-member squad. The learning curve at the outset will challenge both the coaching staff and the team leadership. But the other hand, youth represents the potential for untested talent to step-up and contribute.

Senior co-captain Payton Fuller agrees with this philosophy.

"Our current seniors will fill the leadership role and I think the eighth-graders will do great things this season," said the right-winger of new arrivals Ashley Mercier and Paige Fuller. "Last year, we were a young team with a few eighth-graders and we nearly made the playoffs."

Payton Fuller was referring to the 17-points earned by the Wildcats during the 2018-19 campaign. Entry to the MIAA tournament, in most instances, requires a minimum of 20. Last season's mark was one better than the 16-points accumulated by the program five years before.

"We play in a really tough division," said Coach John LaPiana, who has been with the Wildcats for four years, three as the head coach. "We have to scrape and claw for every single point. But we were very close last year. As a matter of fact, we were just



The captains of the WHS Girls Varsity Hockey team includes from left, Bridget O'Shea, Melanie Hayden, Payton Fuller and Gina Bertolami. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

three goals away. We had multiple ties and those ties essentially kept us out of the playoffs."

Historically, the Wilmington girl's hockey program has been held out of the post-season for a decade, tracing back to the last year the team skated with North Reading as part of cooperation between the two schools. The Wildcats finished last season with an overall mark of 6-10-5 and while the effort was disappointing for departing senior players, the effort provided a stepping stone for future prospects left in

their wake.

The current crop of skaters seems determined to build on last year's success.

"Our goal this year is to make the playoffs," said highly-confident senior goaltender and Co-captain Melanie Hayden, who finished last season with an exemplary 1.90 GAA (goals-against-average). "I think we can do that. We've been improving each year and while we only have four defensemen in front of me, they're very sharp and I'm confident in them."

One of those blue-liners

patrolling in front of Hayden is senior Co-captain Bridget O'Shea who, along with her teammates, agrees the strength of the Wildcats lies in the defense.

"We have only two defensive pairings but we're counting on the forwards coming back to add to the defensive effort," she said. "Last year, we lost a number of one-goal games and we expect games to be close. We know the defense has to consistently strong on the ice."

Coach LaPiana agrees with O'Shea but when

asked if the team's hopes are pinned to just defense, he puts a different spin on it.

"We are known for our hard work in the defensive zone and we do try to limit opportunities to the net," said the coach. "But to say we're defensive-minded, I think that's selling the team a little short. We have struggled somewhat in the offensive zone and at times, we had difficulty moving the puck. But I don't believe that's because of a mindset but rather, the ongoing effort to accentuate strengths and eliminate weakness-

es."

NHL legend Wayne Gretzky once said, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take." In order to achieve their goal of reaching the playoffs, it's obvious this Wildcats group must manufacture more offense and turn around the chronic one-goal defeats of last season. Several of the captains agree that team cohesiveness will make a substantial difference in that respect.

"Our team has worked very well together over the years," said senior Co-captain and left-winger Gina Bertolami. "We're very close with our linemates and I expect we'll get better as the year goes along."

"We're a very close team," echoed Payton Fuller. "I think good communication will play an important role."

The 2019-20 Wilmington Wildcats roster is currently made up of eighth-graders Ashley Mercier, Paige Fuller, freshmen Gabby Daniels, and Katelin Halley, sophomores Kiley Flynn and Sofia Brunetto, juniors Toni Brunetto, Maria Hernandez, Ida Bishop, Zoe DeRose, and Amanda Mercier, along with senior Co-captains Payton Fuller, Gina Bertolami, Bridget O'Shea, and Melanie Hayden.

"I think the girls are very confident in their abilities and we hope to put them in the best position to compete," said LaPiana, who will host Belmont in the season-opener at Ristuccia Arena on Saturday at noon. "I'd like to think if everyone puts their best foot forward, plays disciplined hockey, and embraces what we're trying to teach, this will be a fun and competitive year and we'll pick up our share of points."



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# Strong nucleus of wrestlers looking to help program get to next level

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WILMINGTON - The Wilmington High Wrestling team will enter this season with the goal of not only repeating their success of last season's post season tournaments, but at the same time looking to improve on their dual meet record from recent years.

Last season, like several in recent years, was a struggle at times for the Wildcats in their dual meets, as they were forced to compete with a depleted lineup due to not having wrestlers for several weight classes.

With 20 wrestlers coming out for this year's squad, Wildcats coach Joel McKenna is hoping to see improved results from his squad throughout the season.

"We have improved a lot in that area," McKenna said. "Twenty kids is a good number, but it is also the beginning of the season, and sometimes retention can be an issue, but as of right now, I am happy with our numbers."

As McKenna said, retention can certainly be an issue for a wrestling team, as it requires quite a commitment, but even in that regard, the Wildcats are looking strong, as they return a very strong core of very committed wrestlers from last year's squad.

While they lost some pieces of last year's team to graduation, including Ryan Murphy at 285 pounds, Nick Kullman at 195 and Alex Stearns at 132, they bring back several starters from last year's team, many of whom had great success in post season tournaments.

"We are feeling good about what we have going on heading into the season," McKenna said. "We have Joe Ganley and Shane Penney, who both placed at States, and Jacob Bernard would have placed if not for

being injured, so we are kind of psyched about that.

"We have those guys, as well as some newcomers we are excited about joining our lineup. We have some kids who have a good wrestling background, as well as some kids who don't have quite so much, but we are looking good early on."

As McKenna mentioned, the Wildcats are very excited to have three talented wrestlers returning to the middle of their lineup in senior Jacob Bernard and juniors Joe Ganley and Shane Penney.

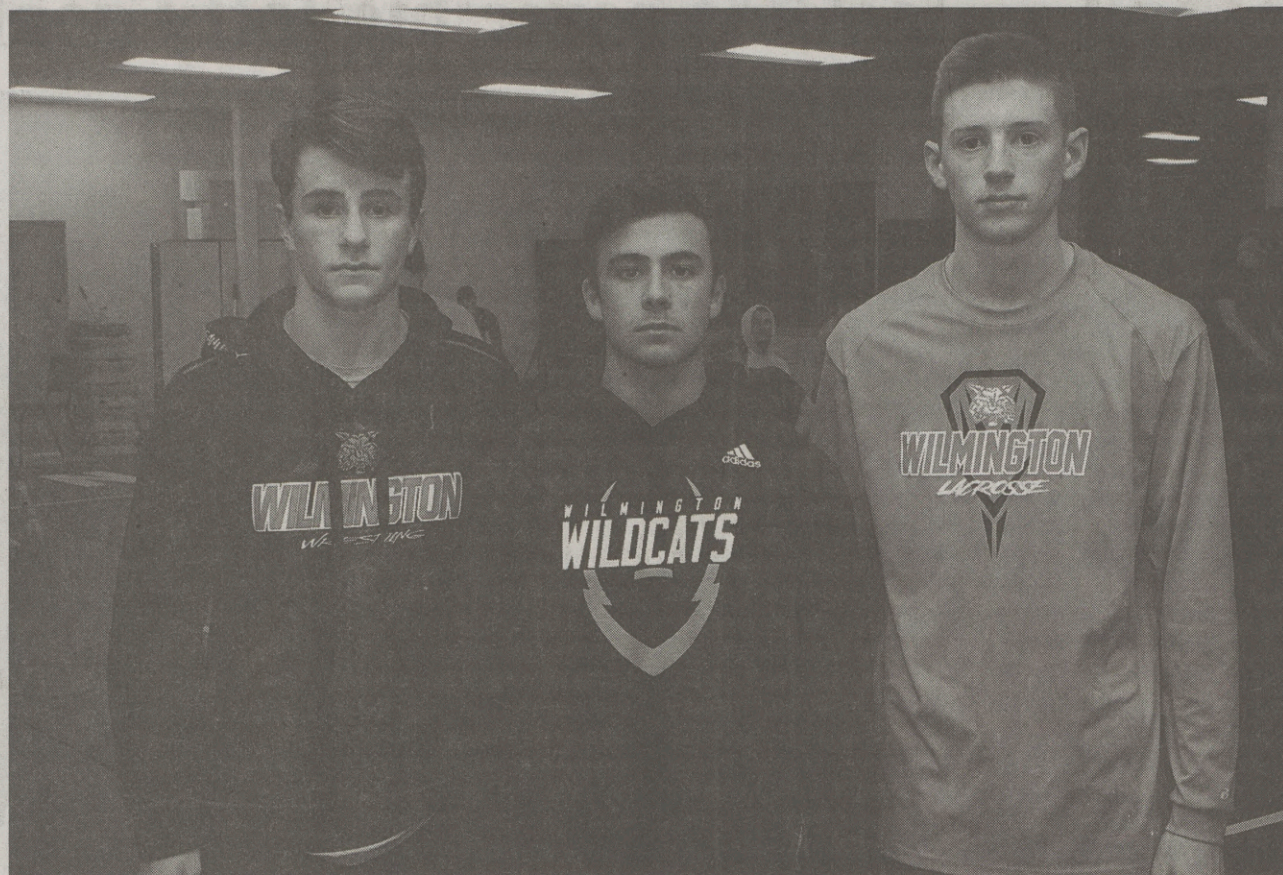
Bernard earned a third place finish at 113 pounds in the Division 3 North Sectional Tournament, and will wrestle at 120 this season, while Penney was a second place finisher at 120 pounds and will compete at 132 this year and Ganley will compete at 126 pounds after winning a sectional title and finishing fifth at the state meet at the same weight last season.

"I really feel like Jacob would have placed in states if he had not gotten injured, and his goal this year is to do that. He knows he belongs there," McKenna said. "Shane is going up a couple of weight classes, so that will be an adjustment for him, but he will tough it out, and we expect another solid season from him."

"And Joe is looking good. He is picking up right where he left off last season. We are expecting another great season from him."

Those three returnees will not be alone in trying to bring the Wildcats a winning season. A pair of newcomers, freshmen Mark Donovan and Gabe DaSilva are competing for the 106-pound spot in the lineup, while another newcomer, sophomore Luke Vitale will compete for time at 113 pounds, along with sophomore returnee Adam Lopex.

"Mark is already picking



The tri-captains of the WHS Wrestling team includes from left, Joe Ganley, Jacob Bernard and Ryan Martin. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

up the sport really well. He is a little under 106, but he will put on some weight as he gets into the wrestling season. Gabe is new to the sport, but he is doing a great job of picking things up," McKenna said. "Luke looks good. He has a lot of youth wrestling experience. He is tenacious, and he is a hard worker. We are excited to have him. Adam has had a promising start to the season. We are excited to have him in the varsity lineup."

Other members of the varsity lineup will include senior Ryan Martin at 138 pounds, junior Dylan Clerico at 145 and senior Stephen Smolinsky at 152.

"Ryan put a lot of time and effort into getting ready for the season. The tough thing for him is that he hasn't been able to stay healthy, but he looks healthy to start the season and he is excited for the season," McKenna said. "Dylan will be improved this season with a year of experience under his belt. He is a tough, tough kid,

with a good martial arts background. He is also a talented wrestler who shows up every day willing to spill his guts.

"And Stephen is off to a good start to the season. He is a really bright kid and he is a real student of what we are trying to do. That will play off for him this season."

A pair of sophomores, Nick Doyle and Marcello Misuraca will compete at 160 and 170 pounds, respectively, and McKenna is looking for successful seasons from both of them.

"Nick got a year of experience last season, and he put in the work in the off season and then did all the weight lifting for football and kept himself in good shape. I feel things will work out for him this year after getting some experience last year," McKenna said. "Marcello is very promising. He has a great attitude. I really think he could make some noise for us."

Senior Dean Nally will wrestle at 285 pounds for

the Wildcats and he is eager to start his season after missing last season when he was injured on Thanksgiving with the Wildcats Football team.

"Dean has a great work ethic and he has all the intangibles, so that makes it exciting in itself to have him with the team, beyond even his physical potential" McKenna said. "One he picks up some more technique, I feel like he can have a really great season."

Martin, Bernard and Ganley will serve as the Wildcats captains and McKenna is confident that they will be successful in that role.

"They are all great student athletes. They are getting it done in the classroom and that spills over to their teammates," McKenna said. "That attitude that they bring to practice every day, and the work ethic they bring is second to none. They are putting a great effort in and getting the job done, and that will make them great leaders for

us." The captains, as well as the rest of the Wildcats lineup will have to be at their best in order to compete in the Middlesex League, a well as with a tough non-league schedule.

"You don't get any nights off in the Middlesex League. In the Freedom Division, Wakefield brings back a lot of tough kids, but really pretty much any coach you go up against in the Middlesex League is a Hall of Famer," McKenna said. "It starts with Wakefield, but Melrose now has Larry Tremblay in his second year as their coach and I think he has as many wins as anybody in the country."

"Burlington has a lot of talented kids and so does Watertown. There are no easy matches in this league."

Wilmington will open the season on Saturday when the team travels to take on the co-op North Reading/Lynnfield team.

# Numbers continue to grow with the co-op swim programs

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READING - The North Reading/Wilmington "Wild Hornets" co-op boys and girls swim-and-dive teams had their first practice back on December

2nd and are now gearing up for the regular season to start on Thursday with a non-league meet at Shawshen Tech, which will be followed by another non-leaguer on Friday against Winchester.

This is the second year

of the partnership and last year was a success with nine combined boys and girls from Wilmington joining the two programs.

This year that number has grown significantly on the Wilmington end with

15 total swimmers.

On the girls side, local swimmers include seniors Sophia D'Amico, Abby Callahan and Nicole Ekstrom, junior Emma Ryan, sophomores Olivia Roya, Shaw Fitzgerald and Anna Germano, and then there's four freshmen including Julia Kane, Lindsey Kane, Lian Juergins and Maddie McCarron.

On the boys side, junior Jared Benoit is one of the captains, and he'll be joined by freshmen Aryan Patil, Ethan Ryan, Tyler Sheehan and Dylan Tran.

Last year, the girls team finished fourth at the Cape Ann League Championship Meet. There, Ryan had a very busy day as she was part of the third place 200-medley relay team, a part of the fourth place 400-freestyle relay team and finished sixth and ninth, respectively in the 500 and 200-freestyle events.

This year though, Ryan is out all season with an injury and will serve as the team's manager.

Ekstrom was also a part of the 12th place 200-freestyle relay team and also finished 17th and 20th in the 100 and 50-yard freestyle events. Germano competed in the 50-free and one of the relay teams.

Filling out the girls' roster includes North Reading residents seniors Sara Curran, Hae-Jung Kim, Hannah Lord, Griffin May, and Mary Regan, the team captain.

There's also nine juniors from North Reading with Rebecca Curry, Erin Davis, Mia Freccero, Oli Grabar, Brianna Saunders-Correa, Kristina Valenti, and Joleen Weiss, as well as six sophomores, Kelly Crossan, Melanie Feffer, new team member Sadhana Gopinath, Kiera Lord, Caroline Schladenhauffen, and Nicole Steinmeyer.

Rounding out the team are five freshmen from North Reading including, Karisa Bockley, Elise Higgins, Maddie Koenig and Kathleen Weiss.

Head coach Sue Hunter was still trying to figure out the line-up, however, it appears as if the girls team has an incredible amount of young talent, with 16 total freshmen, along with four upperclassmen from Wilmington and one from North Reading who are new additions to the roster.

The girls team did lose a number of talented swimmers from both North Reading and Wilmington, including the beloved team captain Molly

Feffer, who graduated last year, while, Ryan, unfortunately can not swim this year due to a shoulder injury.

That being said, even without some of the talented swimmers from last year, it seems the team will still be able to compete in the Cape Ann League.

On the boys side, last year the team started off 0-3 and turned things around winning the final three meets to finish at 3-3, before finishing sixth at the CAL Championship Meet. At that meet, Benoit was eighth in the 100-meter breaststroke and 13th in the 50-free.

The rest of the boys team includes North Reading residents Christopher Mangano, Henry Plemas, Jonathon Mangano and Griffin May.

Both teams currently have ten league meets lined up for this year and will follow that up with the Cape Ann League Championship Meet and then sectionals and the state meet.

Friday's meet against Winchester is home at the Burbank YMCA in Reading with a 7:30 pm start.

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.



In its second year as a co-op program, the numbers have grown for locals on the Wilmington/North Reading boys and girls swim teams. The Wilmington residents on this year's teams include: front row from left, Emma Ryan-manager, Nicole Ekstrom, Abby Callahan, Maddie McCarron, and Lian Juergins; second row from left, Olivia Roya, Anna Germno, Julia Kane, Shae Fitzgerald, and Lindsey Kane; back row from left, Dylan Tran, Aryan Patil, Ethan Ryan and captain Jared Benoit. Missing from photo Tyler Sheehan and Sophia D'Amico. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Varsity Co-Ed Swimming Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thurs	12/12	at Shawshen.	2:30 pm
Fri	12/13	vs Winchester	7:30 pm
Fri	12/20	vs Triton	8:00 pm
Fri	12/27	vs Austin Prep	1:00 pm
Mon	1/6	at Ham-Wenham	8:00 pm
Wed	1/8	at Masconomet	8:00 pm
Sun	1/12	at Man-Essex	4:00 pm
Fri	1/17	vs Ipswich	8:00 pm
Sun	1/26	at Lynn/Wake	4:30 pm
Mon	1/27	at Ipswich	7:45 pm
Sat	2/1	CAL Diving	TBA



# WHS Varsity Winter Sports Schedules

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	12/13	at Burlington	5:15 pm
Tues	12/17	at Belmont	6:30 pm
Fri	12/20	at Wakefield	7:30 pm
Mon	12/23	vs Triton	5:30 pm
Fri	1/3	vs Stoneham	5:15 pm
Tues	1/7	vs Reading	5:30 pm
Fri	1/10	vs Watertown	5:15 pm
Tues	1/14	at Winchester	6:00 pm
Fri	1/17	at Melrose	7:00 pm
Tues	1/21	vs Burlington	7:00 pm
Fri	1/24	vs Wakefield	7:00 pm
Tues	1/28	vs Arlington	5:30 pm
Wed	1/29	vs St. Joe's	5:30 pm
Fri	1/31	at Stoneham	5:30 pm
Tues	2/4	at Lexington	6:00 pm
Fri	2/7	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Tues	2/11	vs Woburn	5:30 pm
Thurs	2/13	vs Melrose	7:00 pm
Mon	2/17	at Triton	5:30 pm
Wed	2/19	at St. Joe's Prep	5:30 pm

## GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	12/13	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Tues	12/17	vs Belmont	5:30 pm
Fri	12/20	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Mon	12/30	vs Tantasqua	1:00 pm
Fri	1/3	vs Stoneham	7:00 pm
Tues	1/7	at Reading	6:00 pm
Fri	1/10	vs Watertown	7:00 pm
Tues	1/14	vs Winchester	5:30 pm
Fri	1/17	at Melrose	5:15 pm
Tues	1/21	vs Burlington	5:15 pm
Fri	1/24	vs Wakefield	5:15 pm
Tues	1/28	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Wed	1/29	at St. Joe's Prep	7:00 pm
Fri	1/31	at Stoneham	7:00 pm
Tues	2/4	vs Lexington	5:30 pm
Fri	2/7	at Watertown	5:15 pm
Tues	2/11	at Woburn	6:00 pm
Thurs	2/13	vs Melrose	5:15 pm
Sun	2/16	at SMT vs Pent	2:00 pm
Mon	2/17	at SMT - vs TBA	TBA

## BOYS/GIRLS TRACK-AND-FIELD

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/14	Winter Fest - RLC	TBA
Tues	12/17	vs Burlington at BU	4:30 pm
Sun	12/22	MSTCA SC at RLC	TBA
Fri	12/27	vs Wakefield at BU	9:30 am
Sat	12/28	MSTCA DC at RLC	TBA
Thurs	1/2	vs Stoneham at BU	4:30 pm
Tues	1/7	vs Watertown at BU	4:30 pm
Fri	1/10	MSTCA Invitational	TBA
Fri	1/17	D4 Relays at RLC	4:30 pm
Fri	1/24	vs Melrose at RLC	7:30 pm
Sun	1/26	Coaches Inv at RLC	TBA
Mon	2/3	ML Champ at RLC	4:00 pm
Sun	2/9	Last Chance at RLC	TBA
Sat	2/15	D4 States at RLC	TBA
Sat	2/22	All-States at RLC	TBA
Sat	2/29	NE Meet at RLCTBA	TBA

## VARSITY BOYS HOCKEY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/14	at Belmont	1:00 pm
Wed	12/18	at Reading	7:45 pm
Sat	12/21	at Winchester	4:00 pm
Thurs	12/26	at Hav Tourney vs NA	5:00 pm
Sat	12/28	at Hav Tourney vs Exeter/NN	TBA
Tues	12/31	vs Melrose	2:00 pm
Sat	1/4	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Tues	1/7	vs Wakefield at ST	8:00 pm
Sat	1/11	vs Stoneham	12:00 pm
Thurs	1/16	at Shawsheen	7:10 pm
Sat	1/18	vs Arlington	12:00 pm
Mon	1/20	vs Pentucket	2:00 pm
Wed	1/22	vs Medford	8:00 pm
Sat	1/25	at Lexington	7:15 pm
Wed	1/29	vs Woburn	8:00 pm
Sat	2/1	vs Melrose at ST	6:00 pm
Wed	2/5	vs Burlington	8:00 pm
Sat	2/8	vs Wakefield	12:00 pm
Wed	2/12	at Stoneham	6:00 pm
Thurs	2/20	at Tewksbury	1:00 pm

## VARSITY GIRLS HOCKEY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/14	vs Belmont	12:00 pm
Wed	12/18	vs Reading	8:00 pm
Sat	12/21	vs Winchester	12:00 pm
Sat	12/28	vs Bishop Fenwick	12:00 pm
Mon	12/30	at Arlington Cath.	2:20 pm
Sat	1/4	vs Burlington	12:00 pm
Wed	1/8	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
Wed	1/15	vs Watertown	8:00 pm
Sat	1/18	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Mon	1/20	at Brookline	4:00 pm
Wed	1/22	at Winthrop	6:00 pm
Sat	1/25	vs Lexington	12:00 pm
Sun	1/26	at Bishop Fenwick	9:00 am
Wed	1/29	at Woburn	4:00 pm
Sat	2/1	vs Winthrop	12:00 pm
Wed	2/5	at Burlington	5:00 pm
Sat	2/8	at Wakefield - ST	4:00 pm
Wed	2/12	at Stoneham	8:00 pm
Sat	2/15	at Watertown	12:20 pm
Wed	2/19	vs Stoneham	8:00 pm

## VARSITY WRESTLING

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/14	at Lynn/NR	10:00 am
Wed	12/18	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Sat	12/21	SOI - Shriner's	10:00 am
Fri	12/27	at Fram Tourney	TBA
Thurs	1/2	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Sat	1/4	at Cohasset Tour	10:00 am
Wed	1/8	vs Essex Tech	6:00 pm
Sat	1/11	Home Quad	9:00 am
Wed	1/15	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Sat	1/18	Home Quad	9:00 am
Wed	1/22	at Triton	6:00 pm
Fri	1/24	at Wakefield	5:00 pm
Sat	2/1	at Cohasset	9:00 am
Wed	2/5	at Georgetown	6:00 pm
Sat	2/8	at Gr. Lowell Quad	9:00 am
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## Strong core of distance runners and experienced athletes to lead Wildcats

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WILMINGTON -- The 2018-19 season for the Wilmington High School boys' indoor track-and-field team certainly was successful.

The Wildcats finished the regular season with a strong and surprising 4-1 mark, and went on to finish ninth at the Middlesex League Championship Meet.

The season ended with a disappointing finish at the Eastern Mass Division 4 Championship Meet, however, many of the athletes, who performed well in the regular season, are back, while the team has added a few talented newcomers who should also give the program a big boost.

"We have strong core of seniors and juniors," said

coach Mike Kinney. "If we can avoid injury and continue to improve, we should be competitive for the league title against Burlington and Wakefield."

"We have excellent assistant coaches in MSTCA Hall of Famer Joe Patrone, and long time veteran coach Don Wilson. So far the athletes have demonstrated a strong work ethic and outstanding commitment."

One of the strengths on this year's team will be the handful of cross-country runners who are coming off a tremendous season, which included a second place finish at the D4 Meet. Among those include tri-captains Greg Adamek, Jake Danieli and Richie Stuart, as well as seniors Joe Lydon, Nolan Kennedy and Alex Boehm, juniors Sean Lydon, Sean Riley as well

as Owen Surette, who has become a three-seasoned runner, after previously playing varsity soccer and basketball.

"We have 54 athletes on the roster. We have talent and depth in the distance and mid-distance crews," said Kinney. "Adamek, Surette, Riley, Kennedy, Joe Lydon, Boehm, Danieli, Sean Lydon, (and Brian) Elderder are coming off a fantastic cross country and should do well competing in the mile, two-mile, 1,000, the 4x800 relay and the 600."

Last year Adamek finished third in the mile at the Middlesex League Championship Meet, while, Riley and Elderder were sixth and eighth in the 600. The two of them, along with Danieli, were also a part of the ninth place 4x400 relay team.

Senior Dan Maienza will

also be in the mix for the distance events. Elderder, Danieli, senior Joe Hartzell, and newcomer junior Patrick O'Mahony will compete in the middle-distance/distance events, mainly the 600 and 1,000 and possibly the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.

The sprinters and jumpers include seniors Matt Chisholm, Andy Lee, Stuart, Jimmy Valente, juniors Colton Sullivan, Ethan Yuen and Jeandre Abel, as well as newcomer junior Aiden McGrath, also over from the hoop team and he will compete in the high jump, 300 and 4x400, and junior Isaac Avila.

The hurdle group will consist of seniors Brandon Moy, Aiden Ryan, junior Sam Huergens and sophomore Joe Demoura, as well as

newcomers Nehemiah Camara and Chris Wong. Finally, the throwers will include seniors Jake Arsenault, Nathan Curdo, Dan Ings, David Ings, Brett Nansel and junior newcomer Eric Lingenfelter.

"Surette, O'Mahony, and

McGrath will be competing in their first year of indoor but have already proven themselves on the outdoor team. McGrath should be outstanding in the 300 and the high jump, and the relays," said Kinney.

## Winter Solestice 5K event preparing for big numbers once again

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WILMINGTON -- In

some instances, organizers of a road race that draws a large field of 440 entrants for its debut will often need to come up with more enticing amenities to duplicate those numbers in years to follow, particularly events held in the midst of winter.

But the 2nd Annual Winter SOLEstice 5K, which is slated for Saturday, December 14th, might be the exception to the rule. Hugely popular in its inaugural running, this race will likely bring scores of repeat runners, and perhaps a few new entrants, on its merit alone.

Backed by the Sole Sisters Running Club, a women's-only organization based out of Wilmington boasting more than three hundred active members, and under the direction of SSRC founder and former president Jill Chisholm, the SOLEstice 5K has a lot to offer for runners of all abilities, including a flat, fast USATF-certified course which winds through pleasant Wilmington neighborhoods.

"I think having a course certified by the USATF is really important," said Chisholm, a topnotch distant runner in her own right who recently recorded an exceptional 3:05:26 at the Philadelphia Marathon. "If you're able to run a personal record time on our course, you can rest assured the distance is an accurate 3.1-miles."

For those competitors who are fleet of foot, there is prize money at stake. Like last year, this tends to add an elite flavor to the field with a number of upper echelon distance runners from area clubs making the trip to Wilmington.

Among other special amenities, such as a return appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus, Chisholm has added children's awards.

"We're happy to provide medals for the kids this year," said Chisholm. "Any child who finishes the race will receive a snowflake

medal from Santa or Mrs. Claus. We think the kids will love those."

Chisholm is also quite proud of the efforts of her sponsorship team and particularly, the acquisition this year of several new sponsors including the Red Heat Tavern, which will provide runners with warm, post-race treats. Area businesses returning this year include Slavin in the Kitchen, offering cookies and hot cocoa, coffee from Perfectos, Karma water, and Wegman's Supermarket, providing fresh fruit and muffins.

"Our sponsorship team did an amazing job," said Chisholm, who kicks off the sponsorship drive as early as June. "The number of sponsors we have has increased and the sponsorship dollars are up, as well. Last year, we were able to double the college scholarships we awarded."

"Last spring, we were able to give three local female high school athletes scholarships. Two were from Tewksbury and one was from Wilmington."

Chisholm agreed that part of the success of the inaugural SOLEstice 5K was because of the SSRC members and their input for this year's event was also invaluable.

"The Sole Sisters compete in a lot of races throughout the year and have gathered many experiences and a lot of knowledge about the sport," said Chisholm. "They know what factors make for a good road race and what attracts runners."

As of press time, online advance registration will be closed but interested runners will still be welcome to sign-up prior to the event by visiting the July 4th meeting building adjacent to the Common on Friday evening between 5:30-8pm.

Registration, check-in, and bib pickup will also be available during this time frame, as well as starting at 8am on race day at the Wilmington High School.

The 2nd Annual SOLEstice 5K will get underway at 10am on Saturday.



The captains on this year's WHS Girls Track team includes from left, Katie McLaughlin, Juliana Patrone, Gianna Misuraca, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Hannah LaVita and Miriam Nelson. (courtesy photo).

## On the track, Wilmington excited for a stronger season

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WILMINGTON -- The 2018-19 season for the Wilmington High School girls' indoor track-and-field team, certainly had its ups and downs. The team celebrated the tremendous season of then senior Emma Garrity, who was crowned the Division 4 Eastern Mass Champion in the 600-meters.

Throughout the regular season, Garrity was held out of some league meets with some injuries, and the 'Cats ended up with a 1-4 record, losing two meets by the smallest of margins.

With Garrity and several others including Amie Russell, who has since graduated, this year's team returns a handful of experienced varsity athletes, and have 37 total members on the team, who collectively, have some bigger fish to fry this season.

"Our record last year didn't really show who we are as a team. We lost to Burlington and Stoneham by four points and both of which we did not have Emma who would have helped tremendously," said head coach Brian Schell. "Every team also took advantage of doubling their athletes up in individual events, so this year I warned the girls that we are going to do the same if needed to help our chances of winning."

"Our goal as a team is to be 3-2 which is definitely possible. The pressure is all on me if we don't reach this goal and not at all on the girls. Based on last year we only lose Amie in shot put toward scoring against Burlington and Stoneham, so they should still be close meets."

"We technically have the talent to be league

champs. However looking at Melrose distance crew and Wakefield's sprinters in spring, they seem to always get highly natural talented freshmen so it will be very difficult to compete with them."

This year's team will be led by its six captains, including seniors Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Gianna Misuraca, Hannah LaVita and Juliana Patrone, as well as juniors Katie McLaughlin and Miriam Nelson.

Miller-Nuzzo returns as a multi track/cross-country athlete, who should help the team in many events. Last year she finished 16th in the 600-meters at the D4 Eastern Mass Meet.

"She is a great example of a versatile athlete and she will be competing in the 600 meters, the 55-meter hurdles, the high and long jumps, as well as part of the 4x400 relay team," said Schell. "Regardless of the event you can always rely on her to give her best. She will be trying the 55-meter hurdles for the first time after showing great signs in the 100-meters in spring."

Misuraca will return as the team's top distance runners. Last year she was 17th at the D4 Eastern Mass Meet in the mile.

"Gianna has come along way since freshman year in the distance events," said Schell. "Coming off a good cross-country season despite injury, as long as she can stay healthy can prove big for us in these events."

The other two senior captains are LaVita and Patrone, who both return as the team's top two high jumpers. LaVita finished fourth at the D4 Meet, clearing 5-2.

"Both these girls have come a long way in the

high jump and have been arguably two of the league's best in the last few years both indoors and outdoors," said Schell.

McLaughlin returns for her third season and will compete in the 1,000 meters, the long jump and part of the 4x400 relay team, while, Nelson returns and will compete in the hurdles and shot put.

"I always like to have a junior captain and both of these girls have put it all together that makes a captain and then some," said Schell. "Their work ethic and attitude is great and is also those who will take charge heading into the future. Katie coming off a great first cross-country season is moving up to the 1,000 meters for the first time this year after having a strong 800-meter season last spring. Miriam has worked great in the throwing events and will help lead the shot put crew while adding some great depth in the hurdles."

Other key returners will include sophomore Amanda Broussard, who was 20th in the 300 at the D4 Eastern Mass Meet and junior Maggie Bourgeois, who was 22nd in the 600.

The other senior members on this year's team includes middle distance to distance runners Samantha Burke and Allison Jordan. The other juniors will include Aaliyah Abel, Ashlyn Buckley, Amber Flynn, Sophia Fruciano, Anja Jensen, Shannon Murphy, Carissa Rubin and Gianna Spada.

The sophomore class consists of Nokomis Bramantecohen, Shea Cushing, Kaitlyn Doherty, Olivia Erler, Emily Fothergill, Emily McHugh, Madison Mulas, Quinn Proulx, Isabelle

Puccio, Lilly Rubin, Kari Wells and Angela Zaykouskaya.

There's also five freshmen on the team including Mallory Brown, Kaitlyn Finnegan, Kayla Flynn, Emma Jensen and Talina Khalil.

Overall, Schell said that it'll be tough replacing Garrity and Russell.

"Replacing a state champion 600-meter runner and second in the league shot put thrower is definitely going to be difficult," he said. "However I know we gained a strong crew from the spring that did not do winter last year, as well as girls who put in the work and are ready to step up and fill those shoes."

He added that the team's strengths should come in the 300, 600, mile, the two relay teams and the long and high jump.

"We have a strong middle distance and jumping crew with a lot of depth," said Schell. "Our distance crew had a strong cross country season, but we need to start off strong if we want to catch Melrose and Wakefield in those events. Kaitlyn Doherty and Evy (Miller-Nuzzo) looked really good in hurdles last spring that could step up big in those as well."

He did say that right now the team lacks some experience in several events including the dash, 1,000 meters and the shot put.

"Losing Amie in shot put is tough, but every team based on returnee this year, are all within inches of each other so it is anyone's event to steal points," said Schell. "The dash is always tough especially if athletes do not train year round to build that pure speed and strength. It's an event where you almost either have it or you don't."



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## Pop Warner Cheerleading teams excel at Nationals

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taking second and the Milford Bucs taking third.

The members of the D Team include: Aubrey Annarelli, Ella Avery, Kayla Butler, Sophia Calumby, Isabella Cooper, Amellie DeBloise, Lillian French, Megan Gillespie, Teresa Graham Zoey Helbert, Gianna Jordan, Lilly King, Maya Lanzi, Isabella Lucchini, Leah Matton, Grace McLennan, Lilly McLaughlin, Lyla Murphy, Taylor O'Connell, Ashley O'Donnell, Avery Piantadosi, Ava Potvin, Jalyn Redmond, Hailey Reguera, Kayla Spencer, Olivia Strangie, Ava Thibert, Amnesia Tiberio and Alexia Valente.

The coaching staff includes Deb Smith, Nicole Minghella-French, Mikaila Russell,

Michaela O'Brien, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Tori Ciampa and Katie Lanzi.

As for the B Team, Wilmington placed first at each of the same competitions as the D team, which gave the squad the New England Region Championship title, and also the automatic qualification to compete in Florida.

The team placed second overall in what Smith said was an "amazingly difficult division", which was on by the Monroe Wolverines from New Jersey, with Wilmington second and the Naples Hurricanes of Florida in third.

"Since the beginning of August, these cheerleaders and their coaches practiced three and four nights a week which won them one of the coveted spots to compete at nationals," said head



The Wilmington Pop Warner B Cheerleading team finished second at the National Championships held on Monday in Orlando, Florida. The team includes from row from left, Assistant Coach, Kenda'l Estabrook and Brooke Gifford; second row from left, Haylie Perault, Cheyenne Bjork, Ava Humphrey, Erin Murray, Faith Dillon and Grace Ryan; third row from left, Coach Kelly McGowan, Coach Kelly Ryan, Megan Mullarky, Head Coach Lauren Parisi, Team Mom, Joan Mullarky, Skyler Estabrook and Mia Vacha. (courtesy photo).

## Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Thursday	December 12	B/G Swimming	at Shawsheen	3:00 pm
Friday	December 13	B/G Swimming	vs Winchester	7:30 pm
Friday	December 13	V Boys/Girls Hoop	at Burlington	5:15/7 pm
Saturday	December 14	V Wrestling	at Lynn/NR	10:00 am
Saturday	December 14	V Girls Hockey	vs Belmont	1:00 pm
Saturday	December 14	V Boys Hockey	at Belmont	1:00 pm
Tuesday	December 17	B/G Track	vs Burlington at BU	4:30 pm
Tuesday	December 17	V Girls Hoop	vs Belmont	5:30 pm
Tuesday	December 17	V Boys Hoop	at Belmont	6:30 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Wrestling	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Boys Hockey	at Reading	7:45 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Girls Hockey	vs Reading	8:00 pm
<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	December 12	V Swimming	vs Wil/North Reading	3:00 pm
Thursday	December 12	V Boys Hockey	vs East Longmeadow	7:00 pm
Friday	December 13	V Swimming	vs Northeast	3:30 pm
Friday	December 13	V Girls Hoop	at Whittier Tech	5:30 pm
Friday	December 13	V Boys Hoop	vs Chelsea	7:00 pm
Saturday	December 14	V Wrestling	at Danvers Quad	9:00 am
Saturday	December 14	V Girls Hockey	vs Oakmont	11:00 am
Saturday	December 14	V Boys Hockey	vs Billerica	7:00 pm
Tuesday	December 17	V Girls Hoop	vs St. Joe's Prep	5:30 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Swimming	vs Lynn Tech	3:30 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Wrestling	vs ET/Tech	7:00 pm
Wednesday	December 18	V Girls Hockey	at Weston/Wayland	7:50 pm

coach Lauren Parisi. "The coaching staff knew this would be the team's toughest competition yet since they were going up against many more teams than they had in the past and from all over the country.

"With their hard work and dedication, the coaches set out to physically and mentally prepare the girls for what is possibly one of the most exciting but anxiety provoking competitions there is for a cheerleader. They needed to have confidence and laser focused on their routine and timing."

That certainly happened.

"As each of our teams took the floor, the audience was dazzled by their gorgeous new uniforms custom designed by Christina Zuccaro," said Parisi. "After all of the teams in the Junior Varsity Level-3 division competed, the nervous energy could be felt from the cheerleaders, coaches and parents as we awaited the outcome.

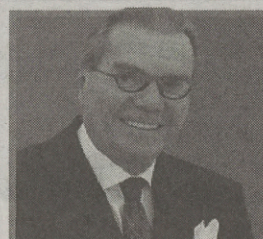
"The B-Team came in second place, an amazing accomplishment for such a tough division to compete in.

"With the D-Team in the

arena to cheer us on and we for them, the ESPN center was rocking. This was such a wonderful show of Wilmington pride and all of Disney saw it in full force. We truly are Smith Strong."

The D Team includes: Cheyenne Bjork, Faith Dillon, Skyler Estabrook, Brooke Gifford, Ava Humphrey, Tatum McDonald, Megan Mullarky, Erin Murray, Haylie Perault, Grace Ryan and Mia Vacha.

The team is coached by Parisi, Kelly McGowan, Kelly Ryan, Kendall Estabrook and Joanie Mullarky.



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# WILMINGTON TOP 10

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## WILMINGTON —

The final installment of the decade pieces is below, as I rank the top ten high school teams from 2010 to the present day. So here goes:



2011-2012 WHS BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

### ▲ 2011-2012 WHS BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

Back on March 18, 2012, 17 student-athletes from WHS gathered together dressed in shirts and ties, boarded a bus and took a trip to the TD Garden to take on Franklin for a chance of a state championship. In thrilling fashion, the Wildcats, who entered the Division 2 North Sectional tournament as the No. 6 seed, pulled off the inevitable, beating Franklin, 3-2, behind a hat trick from Cam Owens and a brilliant performance in between the pipes by newly named Town Crier Male Athlete of the Decade Drew Foley (17 saves).

It was after the game with cameras and microphones surrounding the Town Crier's two-time Coach of the Decade Steve Scanlon, when he asked about guiding the team to its first ever state championship and his words certainly raised the hair on your arms.

"It's going to take a little while to sink in. It's been a long haul for us. We've been close a bunch of times. I think it's more a culmination of things. Everyone who has ever played at Wilmington High can take a piece of this title. These guys did a great job winning it, but it's really been a program wide goal. To see it happen is amazing. If you ever played hockey at Wilmington High today is a proud day for you," he said.

Wilmington finished that season with a 16-4-5 overall record, including a perfect 5-0 record in the playoffs with wins over No. 9 seed Newburyport (6-2), No. 1 seed Lynnfield (2-1), No. 5 seed North Andover (2-0) and No. 10 seed Winthrop (4-2) which put the team into the Garden. In the five games, Wilmington never gave up more than two goals in a game, and outscored the five teams 17-7.

Statically speaking, the

Wildcats had seven players with 18 points or less including Owens (21-24-45), Jake Rogers (16-13-29), captain Dalton Rolli (10-16-26), Brian Pickett (5-20-25), Brendan McDonough (5-16-21), Luke Foley (14-5-19) and Cody McGowan (7-11-18) as it really was a spread out offensive attack.

The defensemen were led by Pickett, Castellano, Cerbone and Cam Collins were never flashy but certainly strong on the blue line and just got the job done. And Drew Foley ended up posting six shut outs and was nothing short of sensational in the wins over Lynnfield and North Andover.

The entire team included: Jake Rogers, Cody McGowan, Brendan McDonough, Dylan DiNatale, Cam Owens, Cam Collins, Brian Pickett, Trevor Foley, Joe Russell, Dalton Rolli, Anthony Castellano, Adam Siegel, Frank Cerbone, Luke Foley, James O'Neil, Brodie Curtis and Drew Foley.

### ▲ 2013 WHS GIRLS SOCCER

Certainly this team was loaded with talent, but when it comes to soccer, you never know what to expect. Wilmington finished the regular season at 16-1-1, were the No. 1 seed and had three exciting victories including a 2-1 overtime win over Danvers with now volunteer coach Cassie Grasso scoring the game winner, a 2-0 gritty win over a fantastic Arlington team, and then a 2-1 win in penalty kicks over an outstanding Concord-Carlisle team.

Those three wins put the 'Cats into the Division 2 Eastern Mass Championship game (no West division so this was the state final) against another absolutely outstanding team from Notre Dame of Hingham, led by senior striker Gabriela Kenyon, who after that game went on to play

at St. John's University.

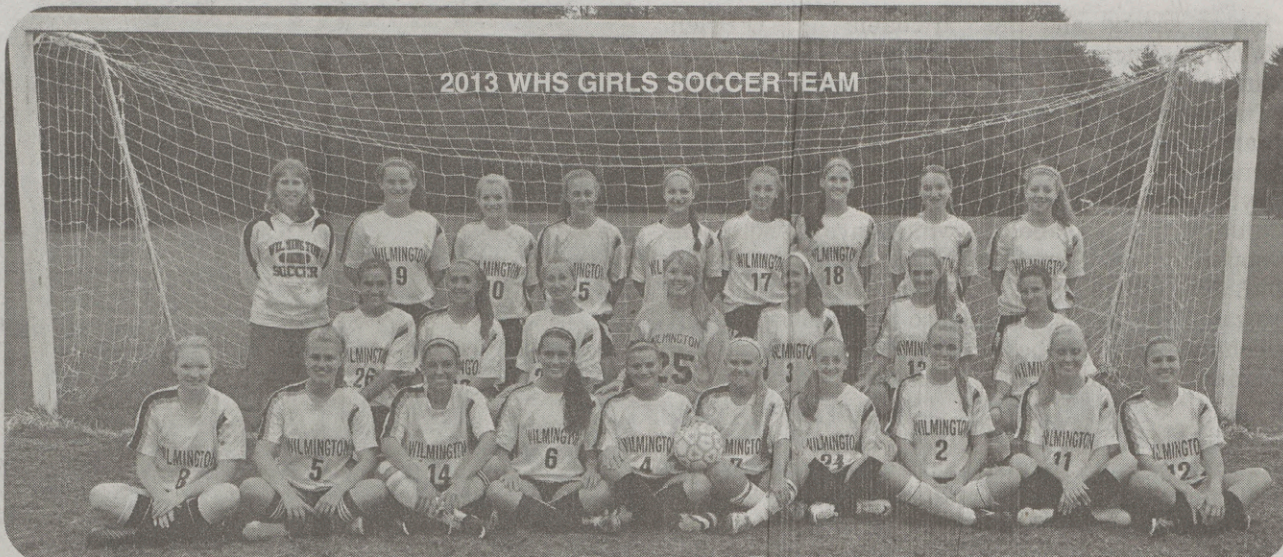
The teams played into a shoot-out with Kenyon scoring the game winner — after both teams were tied through regulation and two overtime periods. Wilmington actually took the lead in the game, which was the first team in 23 games that NDA had trailed all season.

After the loss, surrounded by an emotional group of players, head coach Sue Hendee said it best when describing the game and the team's season.

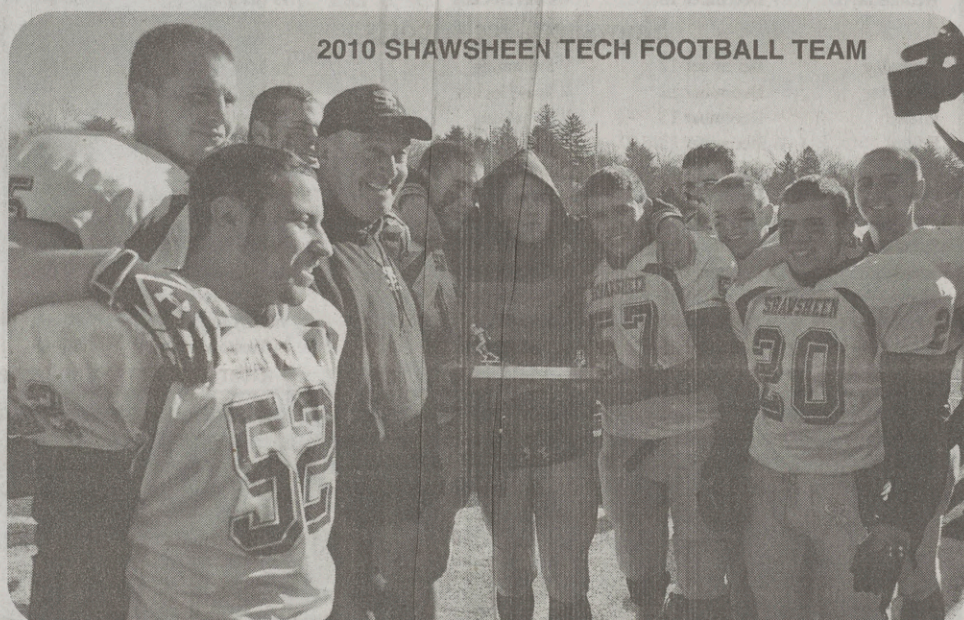
"(This season was) incredible. I knew that we had potential to do well this year. Quite honestly I'm not sure that any of us can say that we expected to get here and have this kind of a game, but we just stayed focused all season long. Even towards the end of the regular season when we had already qualified and we had

games that weren't as significant, the kids buckled down, they played tough and were really proud of their record. And I'm just so proud of these kids. They have been just fabulous."

The 2013 Wildcat Girls Soccer team included: tri-captains Alex Bischoff, Lauren Amazeen and Kaitlyn Curley as well as fellow seniors Rachael Mara, Cassie Grasso, Adrianna Kippenberger, Marina Otis, Ashleigh Howland, Caroline Robarge and Kelly Hart-sough, the lone junior Kristen Luise, sophomores Kaila Bavin, Jordyn Granara, Caitlin Ferreira, Casey McFall, Jamie Spinazola, Devyn Malatesta, Alexa Papastathis, Kellie Souza and Christina Spinos, while the freshmen included Kayla McCauley, Olivia O'Regan, Nadia Barletta, Julianna Iocco and Stephanie Figueiredo.



2013 WHS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



2010 SHAWSHEEN TECH FOOTBALL TEAM

### ▲ 2010 SHAWSHEEN TECH FOOTBALL

The actual win for the Rams was overshadowed by the wonderful story that head coach Al Costabile left the field as a winner, only to rush home so he could get ready to walk his daughter down the aisle for her wedding. But if you know Costabile and how great a person and coach that he is, that made that day, that season and that championship title so, so special.

"I've been on the losing end twice in Super Bowls.

And this is a great feeling. I've never felt it before. It's fantastic. Just holding this trophy is good stuff. This has to be one of the greatest days of my life. I'm very fortunate. It really is a tremendous day."

Shawsheen defeated Blue Hills Regional of Canton, 20-6, to win what was the Division 4 Super Bowl at the time, played at Curry College. It was the first championship in the Rams' history, while it was the third Super Bowl appearance for Costabile after falling in two previous attempts while coaching at Bishop Fenwick.

The game was tied up at 6-6 before Shawsheen scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to prevail, led by a 25-yard TD run by Steve Reynolds, who later added two defensive interceptions, before Matt Costello of Wilmington had a 35-yard, Pick-6 for the final score of the game to seal the victory.

"I looked up and saw the ball right in my face and just picked it off," Costello said after that game. "I got some great blocks from my teammates. I could see the end zone and I just thought to myself I have to get there."



2012-13 WHS BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

### ▲ 2012-13 WHS BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

Three hundred and sixty six days after winning their first ever state championship, a strong core of the same players returned and won for the second straight time, defeating Franklin again, this time by a 4-0 score.

This team was more explosive than the first and were all-around much better skaters from top to bottom which really made it difficult for opposing teams to stop them. After losing the season opener to Woburn, the 'Cats responded and won their next eight games including a 3-1 gem over Burlington, before falling in a magnificent game to Malden Catholic, the Division 1A state champs, 4-3.

After that the 'Cats went 6-0-1 before falling to Reading 3-1 and that would be the final loss of the season. Wilmington ended the season winning its last eight games, including five in the playoffs over Stoneham (5-2), Boston Latin (4-1), Lincoln-Sudbury (6-0), Danvers (7-2) and then Franklin, which came before 3,500 fans, who again piled into the TD Garden seats.

"I think last year was more shocking," said Scanlon after that win. "We had spent so much time trying to get it and not getting it, but this year feels like more of a sense of accomplishment for the whole bunch of them. It's tough to do it once, never mind going back and doing it a second time."

Four different players scored goals in the victory

including McGowan, McDonough, Rogers and Luke Foley, while, Drew Foley posted the shut out.

Wilmington ended that season at 21-3-2 and were crowned the D2 North Sectional and D2 State Champions for the second straight year.

The members of that team included: Joseph Castellano, Rogers, McGowan, McDonough, DiNatale, Billy Falter, Owens, Collins, Brooks Carter, Pickett, Nicholas DiRienzo, Andrew McDonough, Joseph Giroux, Steven DiFuria, Anthony Castellano, John Galasso, Jim Davey, Luke Foley, Sean Moon, O'Neil, Curtis and Drew Foley.

Scanlon, Brian Gouthro and Mark DiGiovanni were the coaches.



2018-2019 WHS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

### ▲ 2018-2019 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

These two teams, although a tad bit different, were lumped into one spot. The 2018 team made program history by finishing second at the Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet with its best performance since 1974. At the Championship Meet, Wilmington was led by Ben Packer, who was 10th overall, followed by

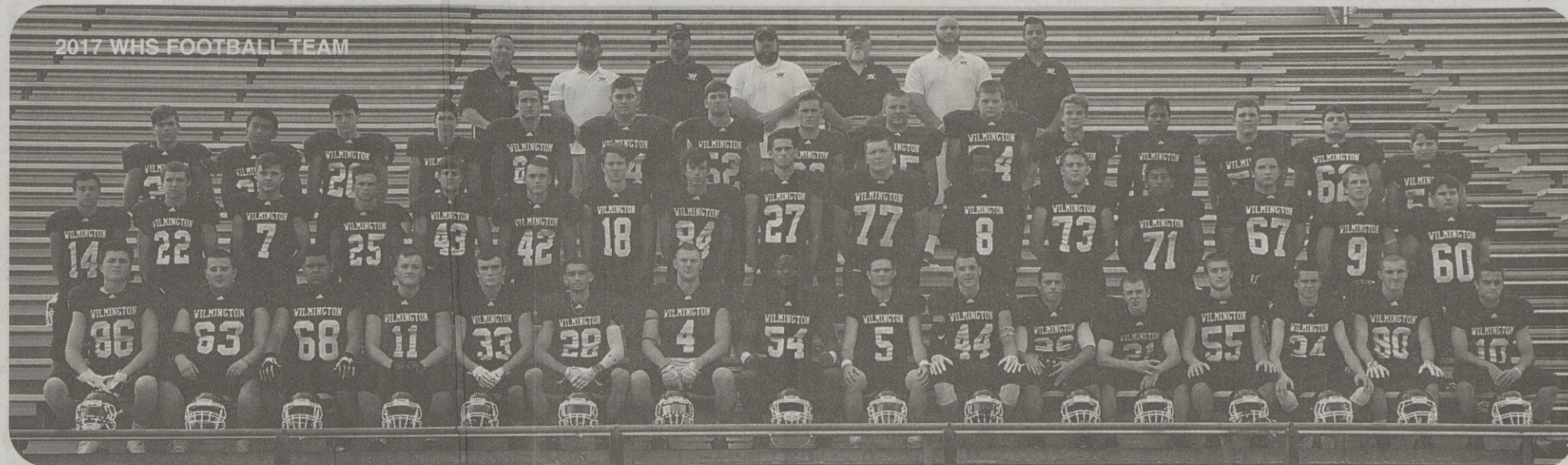
Greg Adamek (11th), Nolan Kennedy (22nd), Sean Riley (24th), Kevin Elder (25th) and then Joe Lydon and Jake Danielli.

That entire group minus Ben Packer and Kevin Elder, returned for this season and again the Wildcats had a historical season, including the best performance ever at the Middlesex League Championship Meet (4th place) and following it up with

another second place finish at the D4 Eastern Mass Meet and then a fourth place finish at the Division 2 All-State Meet, before ending it officially two weeks ago participating in the Foot Locker Championships in New York where the seven runners included Adamek, Joe Lydon, Riley, Kennedy, Alex Boehm, Sean Lydon and Danielli.



# TEAMS OF THE DECADE



## ▲ 2017 WHS FOOTBALL TEAM

It was the best football season since 2004, and the best season overall in the modern-era considering the Wildcats made history by winning its first ever playoff game against a very well-respected program from Gloucester, 30-0.

Before the season started, Craig Turner was named head coach and his fun more laid-back attitude seemed to really benefit a program that had some savvy veterans and a handful of real talented

players led by current Merrimack College star Tyler Roberts, quarterback Graham Smith, who came back from a serious injury during his junior year, and senior transfer running back John Kenney, who was nothing short of spectacular all season.

After that Division 4 North Sectional win over Gloucester, Wilmington then traveled to Marblehead and took on an outstanding squad. Trailing 24-0 at halftime, the Wildcats stormed back and

played terrific in the second half but fell short at 24-17. Marblehead moved on but was defeated by Melrose in the sectional final.

"These kids are tough, tough kids. They don't fold to anything. I'm really proud of the way they played tonight. They left it all on the line but they have done that every single day. Every day they have put it all on the line. Every day. They practice real hard. This is a great group," said Turner after the Marblehead loss.

## 2013 WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



## ▲ 2013 WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

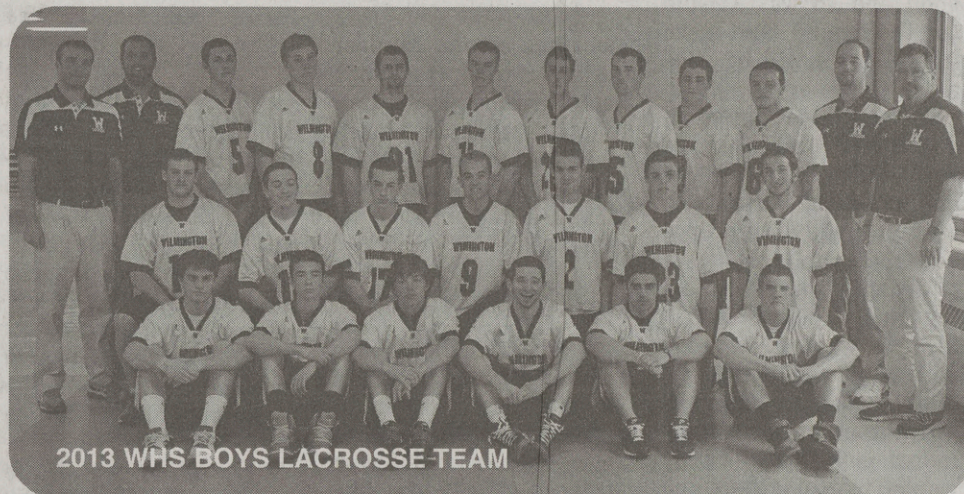
This team was tremendous in every step of the way. The roster was filled with outstanding kids, who were so quick and aggressive defensively resulting in so many transition points, while, they could also shoot. This roster was stacked with the likes of the Brent Sisters, Carli and Christa, with former Town Crier Athletes of the Year Michelle Woods and Ra-

chael Mara, as well as a very strong surrounding cast including Alex Derian, Jackie Kennedy, Lauren McKenna, Cailin O'Flaherty, Meghan Priem and Kim Woods, who were the other seniors at the time.

This team also never quit. Starting out 0-4, the team rallied back to finish 14-9 on the season, including a tremendous effort in the sectional semi-finals losing to state power Reading, who was led by University of Richmond player Olivia

Healey. Wilmington trailed by 17 points and came within one point before falling 63-51 to end a truly magical season.

"I am proud of my kids. We had a great season. There is no shame in losing to Reading," said head coach Jay Keane. "We were right in it until the last couple of minutes. We never quit. Our goal today was to hang around and I thought we did that right up until the last couple of minutes."



## ▲ 2013 WHS BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

What this team did was truly amazing. The year before the team finished 2-14, and came back to finish 14-4 (9-1 against ML D2 teams), and win the first and only Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title. That 2013 season is the only time the program has finished a season with a winning record.

The 'Cats then went into the state tournament and were defeated by Holliston, 14-10.

Wilmington was led that season by 12 seniors including: tri-captains Eric Jaeschke, Ryan Kennedy and Brian Priem, as well as Justin MacKinnon, Andrew Morris, Brooks Carter, Mitchell DeAmbrose, Mike Silva, Stanley Daniewicz, Kevin Dunley, Arthur Papastathis and John Campbell.

"We had a fantastic season," said second-year coach Kieran Kavanaugh after that loss. "We were 2-14 last season and we were 14-4 this season playing in the (first round of the) playoffs. We played one heck of a game today. The kids played hard, they left it out on the field and that's all we can ask for. As a coaching staff we are proud of the kids and how they represented the town of Wilmington."



## ▲ 2012 WHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

The 2012 WHS Boys Soccer team made program history at the time by winning its first ever Middlesex League Freedom Division Championship title, the program's first title since winning in 2009 while competing in the Cape Ann League. At the time of the 3-0 week over

Melrose, Arlington and Wakefield which gave the team the title, the 'Cats were 10-1-5, including a 6-0-3 record against ML D2 teams. After scoring just seven goals in their first seven games, the Wildcats were able to get things rolling outscoring teams 21-6 over the next eight games. At the other end, Wilmington had 10 shut

outs in its first 16 games led by strong defender Kory McGilvary.

Wilmington went into the state tournament as the No. 3 seed at 12-1-5 and defeated both Marblehead, 4-0, and Bedford, 1-0, before falling to North Andover, 3-0, and they went on to lose in the state semi-final game to Medway.



2017 WHS GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Wilmington Tennis from left: Carolyn Roney, Emily Hill, Samantha Maragioglio, Lauren Field, Christina Wright, Lia Kourkoutas, and Christina Woods.

(Photo by joebrownphotos.com)

## ▲ 2017 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

Just like the previous three teams, the girls' tennis team also made program history during the magical and fun 2017 season. Wilmington captured its first ever state tournament playoff victory, a 3-2, gutsy performance against a tough North Andover team, which at the time, gave the 'Cats a 12-6 record, before falling in the next round to Dual County League powerhouse Wayland, 4-1.

The big and most timely win of that match came from senior Sam Mara-

gioglio, who came from behind to win her match by scores of 3-6, 6-4 and 6-1, and that win sealed the team victory for the team.

Sophomore Lia Kourkoutas won her singles match at 6-0 and 6-2, while, the second doubles team of Christina Wright and Lauren Field also were victorious, winning 6-3 and 6-2 in straight sets.

Emily Hill played extremely well all season long as No. 1 singles and was just a sophomore, while Christina Woods and Carolyn Roney also had strong seasons competing in doubles play.

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# Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year: Bailey Smith

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Champion Cheerleader, while brothers Killian and Graham also played at WHS. Killian played football and Graham played football, basketball and baseball, and is currently a member of the Franklin Pierce Baseball team.

Truth be told, football and cheerleaders are really the two sports of the family.

"I'm the last one in my family to play football," said Bailey. "I have all of that, even my extended family with my cousins and all of that, I'm the last one who is still in high school and playing football."

This (Thanksgiving Day game) is my last game so it really means a lot, but that's why I play so hard because of my family. My mom, my dad, my brothers and sisters, it's all for them."

After his freshman year was completed, Bailey said that he really wanted to prove himself as an athlete, not just to the coaches, but to his family, and more importantly himself.

"Sophomore year when I started playing on the varsity team, I finally proved myself to my family (that I belonged)," he said. "I remember when I started, I really didn't know what I was doing and I would always ask Killian (questions) because he played linebacker here at the high school so he would help me with that."

That 2017 season was magical on the football field, but also pretty tough at home. On the field, the Wildcats had a tremendous season under then first-year head coach Turner, who turned a 3-8 season from the year

before to an 8-3 season, including the program's first ever playoff win. That season, the Wildcats knocked off seven teams that advanced to the playoffs, while the three losses came against a state champion, a state finalist and a sectional finalist.

Wilmington had many outstanding wins that season especially Watertown and Stoneham, before dominating Gloucester in the first round of the playoffs, 30-0. The next match-up came against an outstanding Marblehead team, and Wilmington's terrific second half comeback fell just short, 24-17.

"That was just a good experience honestly," said Bailey. "I think about it a bunch, especially now because it's the end of my high school football career. I think about all of the times I have had here, and I guess we could have all played better that game (against Marblehead), but they were really good and that quarterback (Andy Clough) was really tall."

"Honestly, that was probably the most fun season I have ever had in football. I had my brother here with me and a lot of people don't get that opportunity to play with their brother. It just meant a lot to me and it meant a lot to actually be able to play with him. That team was so good so I feel so lucky just have been able to play on that team."

While Bailey was making tackles, his brother was throwing TD passes and the Wildcats were picking off win after win that season, back home things were bumpy with

their mother's health. Steve Buckley, then of the Boston Herald, wrote a beautiful story before Thanksgiving about Graham and Deb, who was - and still is - going through breast cancer.

"It still weighs on my mind (while I play football). I remember when my mom said two years ago (when Graham played) that going to these games helps take her mind off of (her cancer) and that has always stuck with me," said Bailey. "I just always try to come out here and play well for her, so hopefully it takes her mind off of it for a while."

After Wilmington was defeated by Lynnfield during the final regular season game before facing Tewksbury, the entire Smith Family gathered for a picture, knowing that was the last moment that any member of the Smith Family would play a high school football game on Alumni Field.

"My mom just means everything to me," Bailey said. "Everything I do, I do for her. I come out here (to Alumni Field) and I find where my mom is up in the stands and then I look for my dad and is always over here in this corner. If they aren't here, I just don't feel right. All of my games, I just play for them."

"This last game (against Tewksbury on Thanksgiving) will mean everything to me. It'll be an emotional day for sure. All three of us - Killian, Graham and myself - all finished our careers on (Doucette) field, so I guess it's fitting that we finish there on the last game that's ever going to be played there."

## MOVE OVER RICKEY HENDERSON

Think about this for a minute. In 2018, Bailey Smith was the starting second baseman on the WHS JV Baseball team. In 2019, he was the starting right fielder on the Varsity Baseball team, and he was named to the Middlesex League All-Conference and the Lowell Sun First Team All-Star team. The reason? He batted .412, had an on-base percentage of .512, led the team in hits with 28, runs with 21 and got this, he finished with 35 stolen bases coming in 21 games. Yes, thirty-five! Where did that speed come from?

"I'd like to say my Dad, maybe," answered Bailey. "I wasn't always a fast kid, but I started working out once I got to high school and I guess (my speed) just picked up."

The 35 stolen bases was the most from any player in the program coming in one season over the past 20 years. In one of the team's wins over Burlington, Smith had four stolen bases and also had the game winning hit.

"I've been fortunate to witness a lot of impressive things on the baseball diamond the last several

years, but what Bailey accomplished last spring was on another level," said assistant baseball coach Brian Cairra. "Most high school baseball players struggle to get on base over 30 times in a season."

Not only did Bailey do that, he stole over 30 bases. It was incredible. Every time he got up, you had the sense that something special was going to happen. And every time he got to first, you just knew he was taking second, and sometimes third. In the last 20 years, the most stolen bases in a season for a WHS baseball player was fourteen. Bailey almost hit the individual career mark in one spring."

Heading into the baseball season, there were so many unknowns since the 2018 graduated all but two starters. This year's team really overachieved, finishing the regular season with a 10-10 record, behind strong pitching from Chris Stokes and Tristan Ciampa.

"I was (surprised with our record)," admitted Bailey. "I went into that season thinking that we weren't going to be as good as we were, so I know that I was really happy with how we all played. Stokes was pretty good and so was Tristan (on the mound) and hopefully Tristan will be good again this year."

Before the season started, Bailey said that he was determined to not only make the varsity roster, but make a difference with the team.

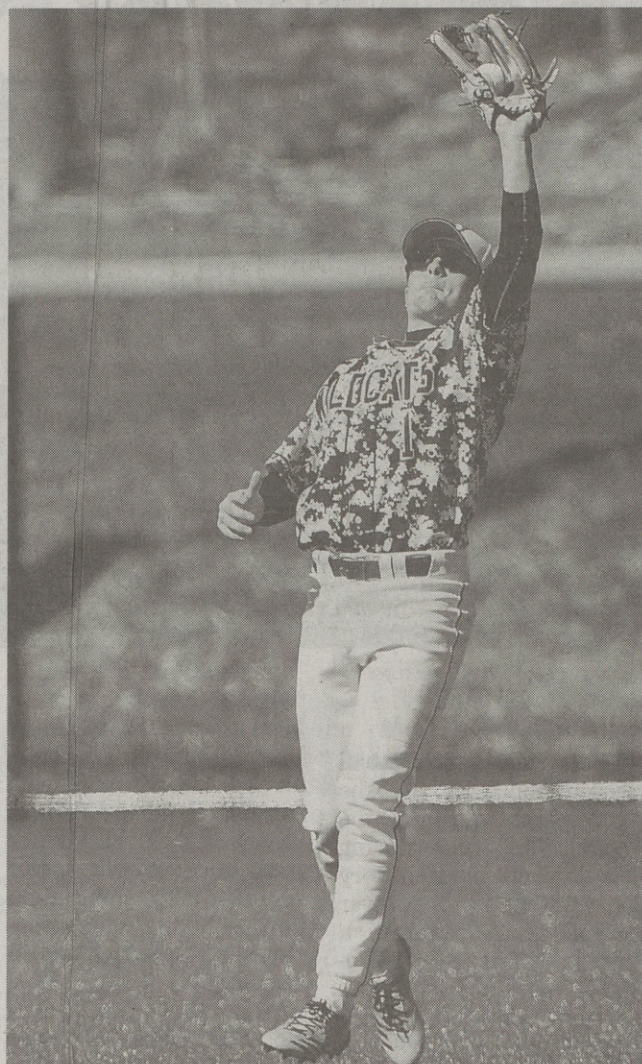
"Graham was still playing (as a junior) and I always wanted to play with him," said Bailey. "I didn't make the team (as a freshman or as a sophomore) so I just really wanted to go out there and prove myself to everyone and I went out there and did my thing."

He certainly did, and it was a truly remarkable debut season, helping the Wildcats qualify for the Division 3 North Sectional tournament, losing in the first round to Dracut.

"It's truly been a pleasure coaching Bailey and getting to know him," said Brian Cairra. "He's a wonderful kid, a kid that's easy to root for. He gives everything he's got every single day. He'll play through injuries. He's the type of kid that will run through a brick wall if you asked him to, and I think his peers recognize that. He's a leader in every sense of the word, and we're very lucky as a staff to have him back on our roster for one more year."

"The best thing about Bailey is that he would trade all of his individual accomplishments for more wins. He's a competitor, and winning has always been the most important thing. I hope for his sake, we're able to get back to the state tournament this year, and make a run. He deserves it."

"Bailey is the type of



After playing two years at the subvarsity level, Bailey Smith played right field for the WHS Varsity Baseball team this past spring and was named to the Middlesex League All-Conference team. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

player you want the younger guys in the program to emulate. He's going to fight until the clock hits zero or the last out is recorded. He comes from a tremendous family, and I know he makes them proud every time he dons a Wilmington uniform. He makes all of us proud."

## FULL SPEED AHEAD

The last two years Wilmington's running game has been led by John Kenney and Peter Marino, who both surpassed 1,000 yards rushing. Heading into the Thanksgiving Day game, Smith was 121 yards away from reaching that elite status and fell short of reaching the milestone, but getting close to it is pretty impressive since this is his first year as a full-time running back.

"Bailey's had a great year on both sides of the ball. He's close to 1,000 rushing yards," said Turner. "He's a tough runner and he's not 'a make you miss kind of runner'. I give him a hard time and say to him 'it's OK to have people miss you once in a while and you don't have to run into everybody on the field'."

In the team's first three games, Smith struggled a bit combining for just 96 yards on 41 carries, but over the next three games against Melrose, Watertown and Burlington, he combined for 320 yards and six touchdowns, including back-to-back gem games of 123 yards and three scores and 139 yards and two scores.

"I have learned a lot. Craig has taught me a lot about playing linebacker and then I didn't play run-

ning back until this year so all of that is pretty much on him and Sean Turner," said Bailey. "The (offensive) line dominated those two games (against Watertown and Burlington). They just let me do my thing and I didn't have to do too much. There was also a couple of games where I struggled, but I guess that happens you learn from it."

He was then asked what adjustments he made as a running back from the beginning of the season to now.

"I try not to run all the way towards the sideline and try to run straight," he said.

The 'Cats started off 0-4, but then went 4-3 over their next seven games, coming up with wins over Watertown, Burlington and then Saugus and Gloucester in the consolation rounds.

"We have a lot of young kids on this year's team so we really don't have a big margin for error," said Smith, who when he graduates will earn six varsity letters including three in football, two in baseball and one in winter track from his sophomore season. It seems like when we mess up one time, it just really puts us in a tough spot. We have so many young kids so it seems like they don't know how to come back after making a mistake like that."

Most of those young kids will be returning next year and even for the 2021 season, but Turner knows, a huge void will be left with No. 43 leaving.

"Bailey's a kid who, as excited as we are about these younger kids we have, he's going to be very tough to replace. He is just the heart-and-soul of this program," said the coach.

## Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year

- 2019: Bailey Smith
- 2018: Omar Eldaly
- 2017: Danny Gracia
- 2016: Joe Gaudreau
- 2015: Brian Cavanaugh & Matt Spurr
- 2014: Evan Raffi
- 2013: Drew Foley
- 2012: Colin Doherty
- 2011: Vinny Scifo
- 2010: Sean Hanley
- 2009: Caleb Rogers
- 2008: Stephen Stewart
- 2007: Ernie Mello
- 2006: Greg Stewart
- 2005: Joe Herra
- 2004: Joe Herra
- 2003: Derek Trueira
- 2002: Derek Hanley
- 2001: Ryan Layton
- 2000: Tim Riley
- 1999: Eric Banda
- 1998: Mark DiGiovanni
- 1997: Scott Swiezynski
- 1996: Billy Harrison
- 1995: Doug Olender
- 1994: Dave DeSantis

**Athletes of the Decade:**  
 Danny Ballou (90-99);  
 Ernie Mello (00-09);  
 Drew Foley (10-19).

## Bantam 1's extend winning streak to three games

The Wilmington Bantam 1 youth hockey team captured its third straight win by soundly defeating the Brookline Warriors this past Sunday morning at the Hallenborg.

The non-divisional match up saw Brookline hop out front with a quick goal in the opening minute and then another one at 4:30 to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead.

The Wildcats did not back down, they started playing harder and it paid off. With a little over a minute to go, Nick D'Amico hit Jason Sousa with a nice breakout pass. Sousa flew into the attacking zone and ripped a hard shot past the Warrior's netminder to cut their lead in half at

the end of one.

The second period was action packed with scoring chances at both ends. Noah Dinan played fantastic in net for the Wildcats making some big saves throughout the game. It seemed as though the second period would be scoreless until Mike Maselli tied the game with a good rush and a quick snap shot after receiving a sharp" tape to tape" pass from Alexander Burns to make it 2-2 at the end of two.

In the third period, the tardy, Brett Ebert stepped onto the ice for his first shift. Bobby Dodge fed a pass up to Brett Gallucci who banked a pass off the boards to Brett Ebert racing up the ice and in

alone, finishing with a sweet shot top corner to give the Cats a 3-2 lead.

Brookline pushed back with a good rush of their own. Dinan was taken out of the play and it appeared that the Warriors would score when Wildcat forward, Ashley Mercier made a huge save backing up Dinan and preventing the goal. This was a big play that changed the momentum of the game. It was all Wilmington from that point on. Bobby Cyr scored a nice goal after receiving a pass from Ryan Murphy at 6:10 making it 4-2.

Then Brett Ebert scored his second goal of the game with assist going to Brian Banks and, brother,

Adam Ebert extending the Wildcats lead to 5-2. Solid team play wore down the Warriors as Wilmington continued to apply pressure.

Then with just under three minutes remaining, Burns picked up his own shot from behind the net, caught their goalie going one way then wrapped the puck around and into the net on the open side to close out the scoring for Wilmington.

Other notable players for the Wildcats was forward Ryan Papineau, who had a strong game and Ryan Quamme who played well back defense.

The Wildcats came back with six unanswered goals to win 6-2.





Wilmington residents who are members of the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey program includes front row from JJ Thibert (left) and Aidan Churchill; and back row from left, Ryan Dusablan, Tom Dalton, Danny McGaffigan and Dylan Timmons.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

## Rams Boys Hockey team would like to stick to league titles

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BILLERICA - It's not often that a team wins a league title and then returns the following season with almost all of the key players from that championship team back to defend their title, but that is exactly the situation the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team finds themselves in as they head into this season.

After going 9-8-5 last season, including an 8-1-1 mark in the CAC to win their second consecutive league title, the Rams will be looking for similar success this season as they return a roster that includes all but four players from last year's squad.

Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker is hoping the Rams can enjoy similar success that they had last season, when they not only won the league, but also won a first round game in the Division 3 North Sectional Tournament over Swampscott before losing in the quarterfinals to Lynn.

Once again this year, the veteran coach is hoping his team can make a run at another league title after winning in each of the last two seasons.

"We are always happy winning the league and winning in the tournament," Baker said. "We would love more than anything to make a solid run in the tournament. I hope this year's team is up for the challenge."

The Rams do lose some key players such as team captain and defenseman Beau Ramsey, along with

Kevin Chase, Owen Sullivan and DJ DeRose, but with the number of players they have returning to the fold, Baker is confident his team will have another successful season.

"Losing seniors can be difficult but we return a bunch and I am excited about that," Baker said. "The team attitude is great."

Two of the players that Baker and the Rams are most excited to have back are sophomore forward Dylan Timmons of Wilmington and senior forward Nate Silva of Tewksbury, the team's top two leading scorers last season.

Silva led the Rams with 12 goals and 14 assists for 26 points, while Timmons had 11 goals and 8 assists for 19 points. Senior captain Dan McGaffigan of Wilmington also chipped in with six goals and 17 assists on the season.

The trio played together on the same line at times last season, and while they are on separate lines at this point, Baker is looking for big things from all three of them regardless of who they are playing with.

"As of now no they are not playing together. Expectations are high for them, along with all the other kids that saw a ton of time last season," Baker said. "Set the bar high. Make them chase it."

Some other players the Rams will be looking for an offensive spark from include senior forward JJ Thibert of Wilmington along with junior for-

wards Sean Murphy of Tewksbury, Aiden Sullivan and Anthony Papa, and freshman Brady Darcey.

Defensively the Rams will be led by seniors Brady McFadden and DJ Williams of Tewksbury, along with fellow senior Chance Fitzgerald and junior Jonah Varallo.

The Rams also appear to be in good shape in net where returning starter Kam Neault of Tewksbury will see the majority of time between the pipes, while junior Jared Palmer of Tewksbury and sophomore Thomas Dalton of Wilmington will also see some time.

"Kam is working hard and it feels great not only bring one back but all three," Baker said. "Jared is working hard and Tommy looks great."

Some other promising newcomers for the Rams this season include senior forward Chris Melo, junior forward Connor Preble, sophomore forward Tyler Forristall, freshman forward Nick Calouro of Tewksbury, sophomore defenseman Tom Sampson and fellow sophomore defenseman Ryan Dusablan of Wilmington.

While the Rams will be the obvious favorites in the CAC, they will not be alone in their quest for the top of the standings. Baker was asked which team poses the biggest threat to the Rams reign at the top of the CAC.

"All of them," he said with a laugh. "But obviously Northeast. There are some new coaches elsewhere so I'm sure we will see some different

## Co-Op Girls Hockey program optimistic for upcoming season

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BILLERICA - Last season was a difficult one in terms of wins and losses for the Shawsheen Tech /Bedford Girls Hockey team, as the Rams struggled through a winless 0-18-2 campaign in their first year as a co-op program.

The winless record was obviously the bade news for the Rams, however they were able to take some positives out of the season, with many players who had little to no hockey experience heading into the season, gaining some valuable playing time, which should help them tremendously heading into this season.

That experience, along with several new players joining the team this season as part of the co-op program, have coach Bob Roach optimistic that the Rams will be finding the win column more often this season.

"They got a lot of ice time last season, and just by doing that, you are going to get better," Roach said. "And then getting into games is also a big help in helping them to improve. This year should be a lot different. The co-op is a lot stronger. We have three young kids from Bedford who should help us, so I think we can have a good season."

One of the players who gained some valuable experience last season is junior captain and center Emily Sartori, who returns this season looking to lead the Rams on and off the ice.

"Emily is a good leader. She works hard on the ice," Roach said. "She's got a good set of hands and some good speed. She is also very vocal in the locker room. She does the things you need as a leader. It is her third year with the team and she has improved every year."

Senior defenseman Susan Doubek will be the Rams assistant captain, while other returning players will include senior forward Kara Salvi, senior defenseman Bella Munroe and Clareese Catrigno and sophomore center Amber Hurley.

Some promising newcomers for the Rams will include freshmen defensemen Caitlyn

Aprile and Kelsey Giordano, while Sophomore Charlotte Livingston junior Cheyenne Casanova will also be looking to contribute for the Rams, and a trio of eighth grade forwards from Bedford High, Gianna Missiti, Anna MacEachern and Laney Meade will give the Rams an offensive spark.

A pair of local players sophomore Ashley Talbot and sophomore goalie Sydney Neault, both of Tewksbury, will also be

are any indication the Rams are already well ahead of where they were last season, as a more experienced roster has led to better preparation for the season.

"We have been able to do a little more in practice and work on some different skills than in previous years," Roach said. "It really worked out well having the co-op again this season, because neither school would have had enough players on their own. Hopefully we can play well together and start to



Ashley Talbot left, and Sydney Neault, both Tewksbury, are the lone two locals on this year's Shawsheen/Bedford Co-Op Girls Hockey team.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

relied upon heavily this season.

"Ashley got a lot of ice time last season and she really improved as the year went on. We expect her to be even better this season," Roach said. "Sydney also got some good experience last year as a freshman, and she has gotten much stronger heading into this season. We had a scrimmage the other day and she did really well."

"We will also have a much stronger defense in front of her, so I think she will have a really strong season."

Roach is expecting his entire team to have a very strong season, and if early season practices

get some wins."

Roach is actually hoping that the Rams are able to do more than just pick up a few wins. They will play and independent schedule against teams such as Arlington Catholic, King Phillip, Burlington, Reading and Stoughton, and Roach feels like his team can do well.

"We would never set our goals low," Roach said. "Hopefully we will have a very good season and qualify for the state tournament. We have a young team, but it is also a team with some experience, so I think it will be a good season for us."

## New coach setting stands pretty high

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BILLERICA - Last season was one that will go down in the history books for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team.

Among the Rams accomplishments on the season was a 19-5 record, giving them the second most wins in school history, as well as a trip to the Division 3 North Sectional finals before they were eliminated in a heart-breaker by Weston.

The Rams also finished in a three-way tie for the CAC Large School title with Greater Lowell and Mystic Valley.

But that was last season, and it is indeed history. While the season was fun and historic, it must also now be put in the Rams rear view mirror, as they said goodbye to eight seniors off of that spectacular squad, and will be forced to build a winner with many new parts this season.

They will also be under the direction of a new head coach, as long time coach Greg Bendel retired after coaching the Rams for the past eight seasons.

But don't try telling new head coach Joe Gore that this is a rebuilding year. Gore, who was an assistant coach to Bendel for the past six year years,

while also serving as head coach of the junior varsity team, will be looking for his team to once again fight for the CAC Large School championship.

"We are still setting the standard very high," Gore said. "Just because we lost several players, it doesn't mean that we are not going to compete. We are not looking at this as a building year."

But Gore is also smart enough to know that it will be a challenge for his team to match the accomplishments of last year's season. While he is holding his team to a very high standard, he knows they will have to be at their best to reach those standards.

"It's not going to be easy to replicate last year's season," Gore said. "This year I feel like it will be important for us to establish our own identity. We only have two kids who got varsity minutes last season, so finding our own identity will be something we need to do."

One thing working in the Rams favor is that the transition from Bendel to Gore as head coach has been a seamless one, with Gore and the players already being very familiar with each other.

"It has been pretty easy so far," Gore said. "I am fortunate enough to have

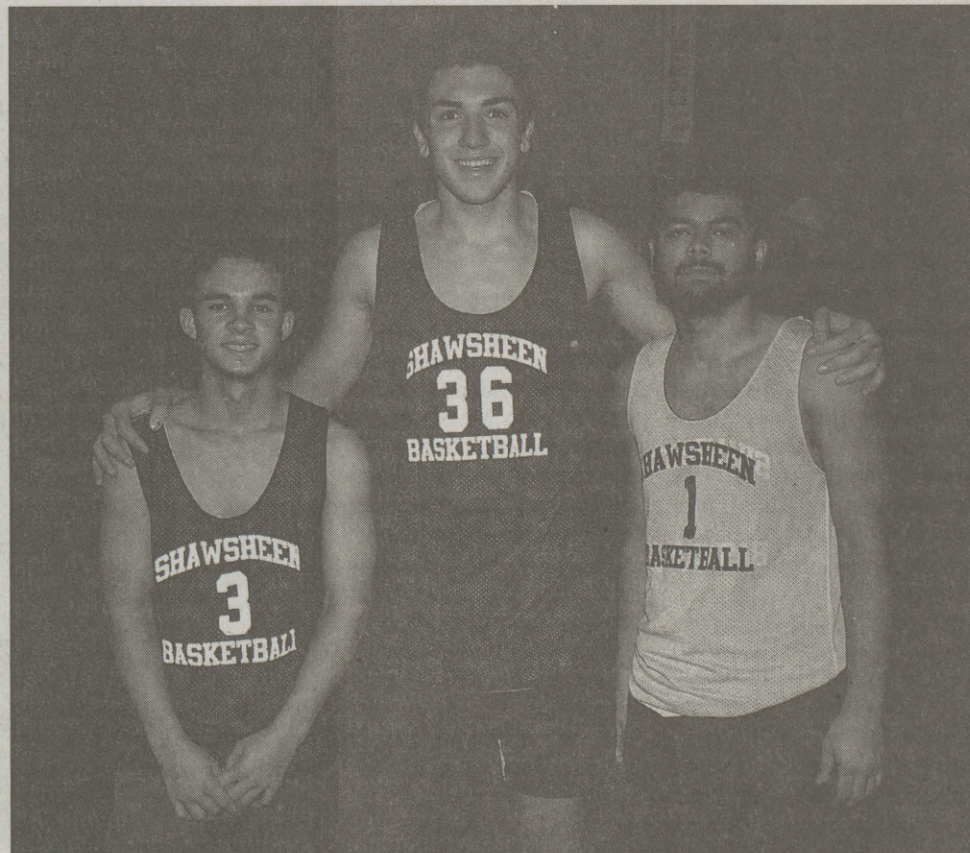
had the opportunity to work with a handful of the kids last season, so we are not really starting from scratch. We are kind of picking up where we left off as a JV team, but now there is a lot more attention to detail. The kids made fantastic progress in the off season."

While the entire starting lineup has not been set as of yet, there are several players that Gore and the Rams will definitely be counting on this season, starting with a pair of juniors in guard Jake Tyler and forward James Genetti.

"They are both two year players with me, and the relationship I have built with them has been great," Gore said. "They have been leaders in practice as juniors and they will have an immediate impact with the team. They can both score the ball really well and we will need that from them."

A pair of big men, 6'3 senior forward Jalen Massengill and 6'5 senior center Santino Garofalo of Tewksbury will give the Rams some size on the inside that should be tough for opponents to handle.

"Jalen is already getting some looks from some local Division 3 colleges and he should have a



The local players on this year's Shawsheen Boys Basketball team include from left, Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury, Santino Garofalo of Tewksbury and Josiah Martinez of Wilmington.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

major impact for us this season," Gore said. "Santino has so much upside. We are looking for big things from him this season. They both bring size and length to the team which should help us a lot."

Sophomore point guard Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury may very well work his way into the starting lineup, and he will certainly be seeing significant playing time

for the Rams one way or the other.

"Jeremy has the potential to start. His energy is unmatched and he will definitely have a huge role for us as a sophomore," Gore said. "He will be a key player for us this year."

Another local player, senior forward and captain Josiah Martinez of Wilmington will also see significant minutes for the Rams this season.

"Josiah is a very good defender and we are hoping he can give us a defensive spark this season," Gore said. "He has taken a leadership role for us, and he is also one of the most athletic kids on the team."

The team's two other captains, senior power forward Larry Bevis and senior guard Connor Rich will also bring great lead-

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## Both Shawsheen Swim teams ready to dive into this new season

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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**BILLERICA** - As seems to be the case nearly every season the co-ed Swimming team at Shawsheen Tech were outstanding last season, with the boys squad winning their second consecutive Massachusetts State Vocational championship, while the girls won a remarkable 14th straight title.

Both teams will be looking to continue their winning ways once again this season and with a roster loaded with returning athletes from last year's squad, that certainly seems like an attainable goal. Shawsheen coach Rick Menard believes he has the makings of another winning team.

"Even though we are early in the season, it looks like our strength is going to be in our depth again this year," Menard said. "Our captains (Kinsey Boutwell, Jacqui Megna, Derek Costello (Wilmington), and Vincent Lopez) along with our returning swimmers were able to recruit lots of new faces for us. We are stronger on the boys side I think, looking to continue their streak of two straight vocational state titles."

The boys side will feature several returning swimmers who had outstanding season last year. In addition to Costello, who is a junior and Lopez, who is a senior, other returning stars include sophomore Aiden Singh, junior Damien Hadden of Tewksbury, senior Zach Morris of Wilmington, and sophomore Tyler Kopacz of Tewksbury.

"Our sprints will be really good, already showing promise of possibly setting a new school record in the 200 free relay," Menard said. "Not to mention our stud diver and solid swimmer, Cole Privatelli (Tewksbury). We have a couple of new members that show early promise too. Seniors Dan Archibald and Andrew Farrell along with freshman Anthony Ascolillo (Tewksbury), Evan Pinto (Wilmington), and Anthony Bastinelli will definitely add to the

cause."

While the boys will be looking to capture what would be an impressive third straight vocational title, the girls will be looking to make it an amazing 14 in a row. Menard acknowledges it will not be easy, but with the right leadership, he feels like they are capable of keeping the run going.

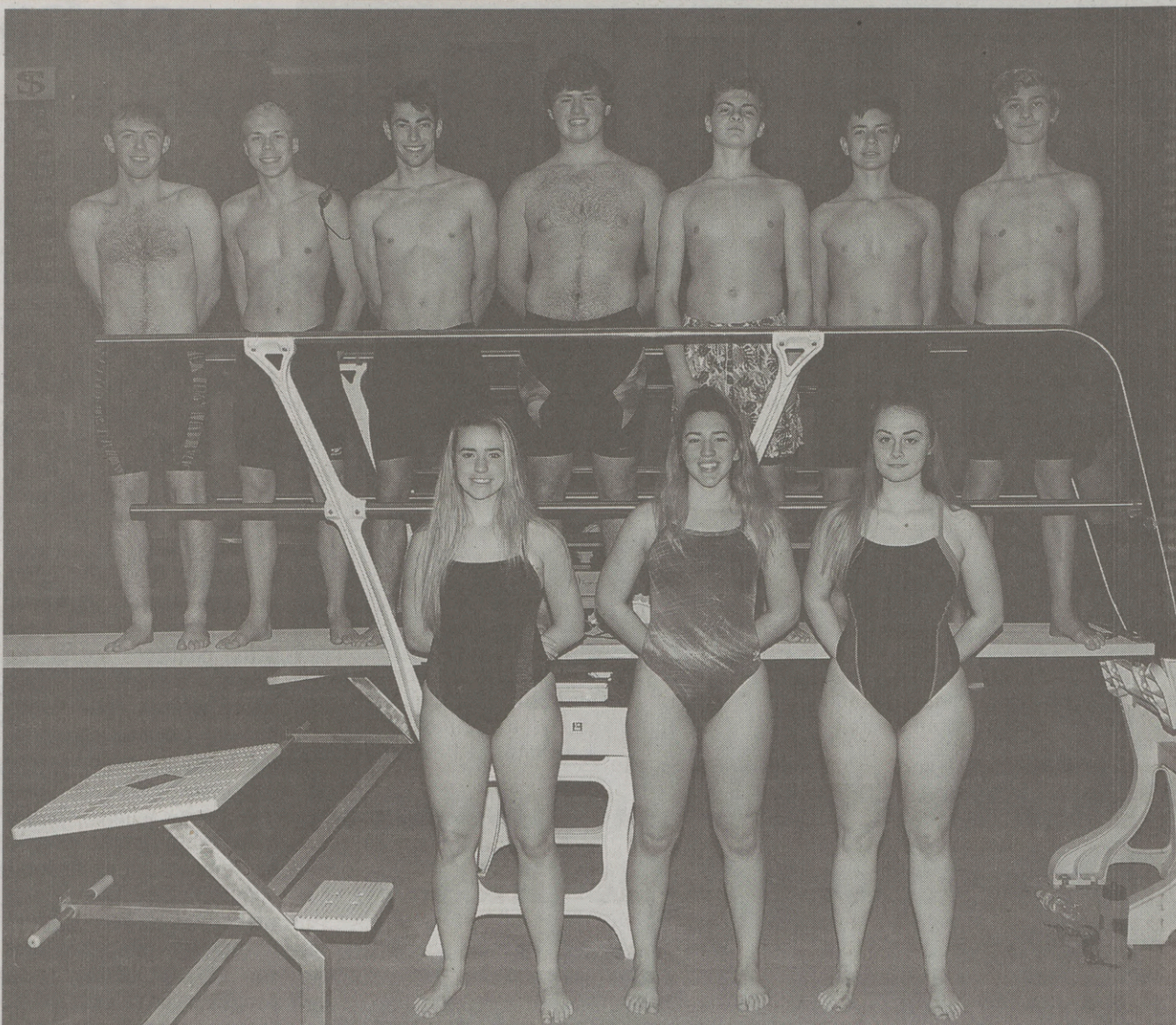
"Our girls will have a lot of pressure on them to continue the streak with a smaller squad than years past," Menard said. "Getting that 14th straight vocation title will rest on the shoulders of our veterans like Tayla Tildsley, captains Boutwell and Megna, Celina Barczak (Wilmington), and Kasey McFadden (Tewksbury). We do have a few new faces but our freshman Alyssa Wallace (Tewksbury) seems to be the most impactful addition so far."

Due to this year's scheduling, both teams will have to make their marks quickly. While the schedule will be a challenge, Menard says his team will be ready to compete regardless of whom they are lined up against, both in the CAC and with their non-league schedule.

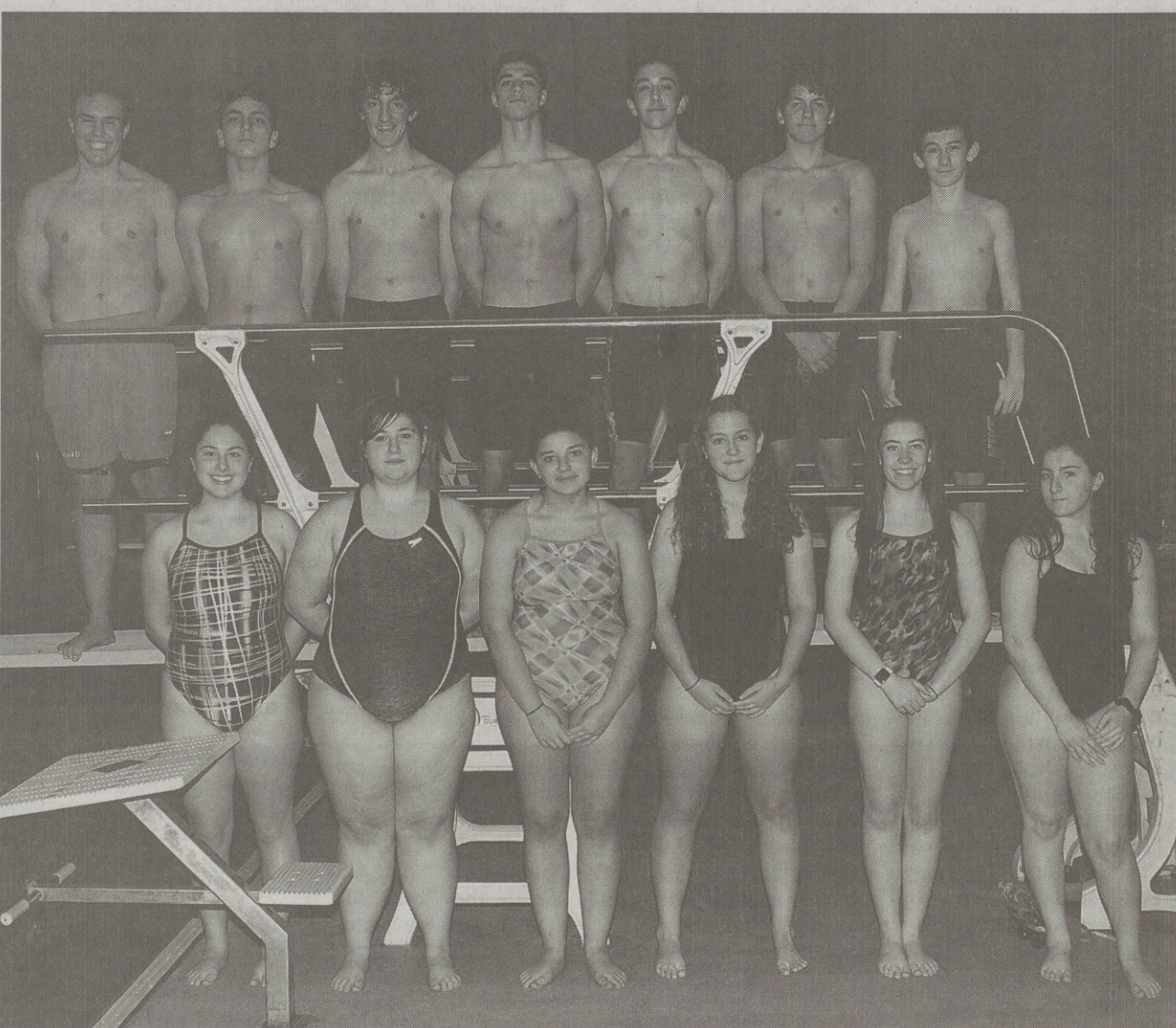
"This is a very short season because of the way the calendar falls and with venue limitations for MIAA Championship so we have a lot of work to do right out of the gate," Menard said. "We are carrying a heavy schedule that includes some impressive non-league meets that will really push our limits and test our metal so to speak. Melrose and Winchester are strong all boys programs, and the joint Wilmington/North Reading program will really give us some fits this week just as in year past."

With that said, however, Menard will be looking for his team to steadily improve as the season goes on, and be ready to peak down the stretch.

"Like we always say, much like the Patriots, we really focus on doing well late in the season and use the regular season as an ongoing "try-out" to see who is developing into that championship form," Menard said.



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech swim team includes front row from left, Emily Pinto, Celina Barczak and Rosemarie Brady; back row from left, Derek Costello, Zachary Morris, Nathaniel Archibald, Tyler Newhouse, Ryan Johnson, Evan Pinto, and Kevin Stevens. (Photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The Tewksbury residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Swim Team includes: front row from left, Kasey McFadden, Hannah Grimes, Rebecca Langone, Leah Casey, Alyssa Wallace and Jorielle Arlock; back row from left, Damien Hadden, Tyler Kopacz, Paul Tower, Cole Privetera, Andrew Farrell, Anthony Ascolillo and Nick Foster. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

## Girls Basketball team needs to fill in some starting spots

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
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**BILLERICA** - In her first year as coach of the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, things could not have gone much better for Rams coach Kate Marshall and her team. Although they suffered a loss in the first round of the Division 3 North Sectional Tournament to Watertown, the loss marked the end of a very successful 12-9 season for the Rams.

"To make the playoffs the first year as head coach was definitely rewarding, but more so for the seven seniors of the program who had worked fiercely over their four-year careers," Marshall said. "I was definitely happy with how the season went, but we know there's always room for improvement."

Those seven seniors, a class that included such stars as Megan Brown, Alex DiPerri and Rebecca Smith, have all now of course graduated, so the Rams will have to move on without them. Despite those and other losses, Marshall was asked if the team could replicate the success of last year's squad.

"I wouldn't use the word 'replicate' for this season, because our group is so

vastly different than last year's," Marshall said. "We have a lot of raw talent, and a fairly young squad but they're willing to put the work in to improve their skill-sets. I am excited to see what this team is capable of this year. They are certainly willing to work."

With so many new players being added to this year's team Marshall and her assistant coaches had not come to a final decision on their starting lineup as of the Town Crier's press time, but undoubtedly two of the players she will be counting on most will be junior forward Shelby Bourdeau and junior guard Susanna Gillis, both of whom are coming off outstanding sophomore seasons.

"Shelby and Susanna have been varsity players since their freshman year, and saw significant playing time last season," Marshall said. "Although they're juniors, they definitely showcase their "veteran" talent during practice and the girls tend to follow their lead."

Other key returning players for the Rams this season will include senior guard Stephanie Mercurio of Tewksbury, along with fellow senior Ashley Bisso, also of Tewksbury. They will be joined in the lineup by sophomore Darielle Wilson of Tewksbury, and senior Jess Stevens of

Tewksbury, among others, including Lindsay McCarthy, Karissa Rogata, Katie Amidon,

Sarah Comeau, Kelley DeLosh and Brooke Bicknell.

set yet. We didn't make teams until Monday, and we still have three days before our big match-up

against Whittier, so we will see," Marshall said. "I have a feeling the starting

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The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team will open the season this behind its players including front row from left, Mia Bisso, Ashley Bisso, Ella Malvone (Wilmington), Kiley McFadden; and back row from left, Amanda Howell (Wilmington) Jess Stevens (Wilmington), Caleigh Shanahan, Stephanie Mercurio and Darielle Wilson. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



Benefit to honor Ryan Driscoll, a Tewksbury resident who passed away in June

# Two hockey programs come together to help a local family

By JAMIE POTE  
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SALEM, NH/TEWKSBURY - When she described her son, Lisa Driscoll said that he was the kind of kid who would help bring people together.

Well this Saturday night, an extremely large fan base is expected to pack the I-Center Hockey Rink in Salem, New Hampshire to pay tribute to an incredible young man, Ryan Driscoll, who tragically lost his life back in an automobile accident back in June.

Since his passing, the town of Tewksbury, as well as a handful of surrounding towns, organizations and people, have reached out to help the Driscoll Family in any possible way. And one of those ways, is to do something that both Ryan and his younger sister of two years Jessica loved to do: play hockey.

Ryan was a member of the Central Catholic boys' hockey (as well as lacrosse team) and Jessica is a member of the Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Girls Hockey team (and TMHS Girls' Lacrosse team). Behind the efforts of the combined schools and coaches, between the three schools/two programs of Central Catholic, Tewksbury and Methuen, as well as the donation of ice by the I-Center, the girls teams from Central and Tewksbury/Methuen will play a fun filled scrimmage starting at 6:30 pm, with all proceeds benefitting the "Ryan Driscoll Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Just a few days after his passing back on June 8th, the scholarship fund was initiated. The original goal was \$25,000 but that's been surpassed between mostly selling t-shirts and bracelets, while, Top Gun Hockey Director Brian McGuirk put on a fall tournament, a company "Intelenet" put on a two-day seminar which raised additional money, and many other people and organizations have also been chipping in.

"(The Town of Tewksbury) has been absolutely, absolutely wonderful," said Lisa.

"It's amazing when you hear the news every night and everything is negative, negative and then something like this happens, you realize how good and how giving, and caring people really are. People here have been so wonderful, they really have. Everyone has stepped up and just continue to ask 'what can they do to help' and it's just been so amazing."

Ryan was a fun-loving kid who had a large amount of friends, whether through the game of hockey and off the ice. That was evident when over 3,000 people showed up to his funeral services to pay their respects.

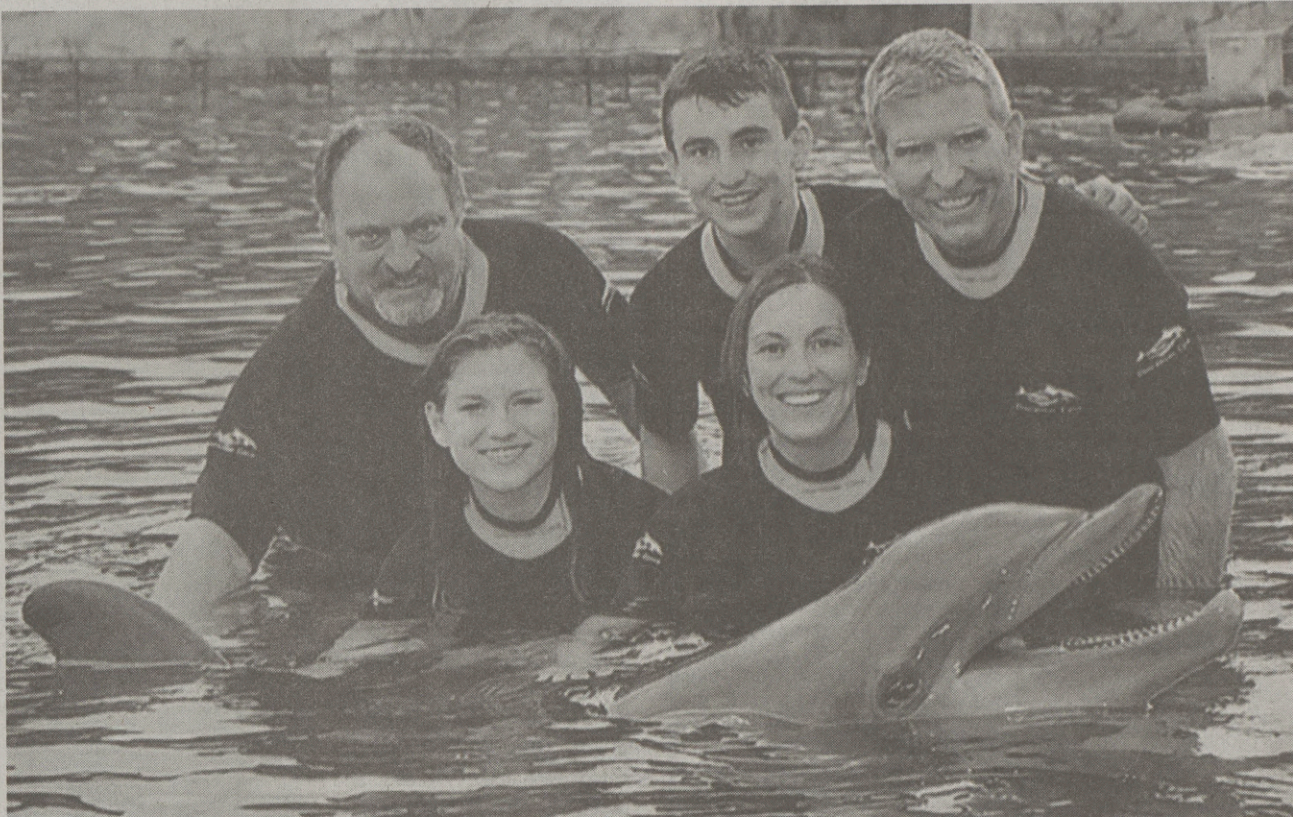
"After (the accident) happened, the one thing I noticed was instantly was that all of Ryan's teammates stepped up," said Ryan's father Dennis. "Jessica has probably ten adopted brothers and her teammates have been the same way. I think back when I was 16, 17 or 18 years old, and I wouldn't be consoling parents. To this day, I'm friendly with all of Ryan's teammates. (Sunday) was his sixth-month anniversary and a group of them called me and asked how I was doing. Where does a 17-year-old learn that? I'm just completely taken back by all of it. It's truly been incredible."

Ryan began skating when he was four, whereas Jessica started out as a figure skater. Immediately after Mom and Dad bought her all brand new skates and new gear, she asked if she could do the same thing as her older brother and play ice hockey. After that, the siblings were inseparable.

"They supported each other all of the time," said Lisa. "You always saw the two of them out in the driveway shooting together and just playing. He would give her pointers and she wouldn't want to listen, it was a sibling thing but they were always outside playing together."

Added in Jessica, "I didn't want to listen because I was still better," she said with a laugh.

A big part of the brother-sister relationship was



The Driscoll Family, including back row uncle Dan Saganich, Ryan, Dennis and then front Jessica and Lisa, back when they swam with dolphins in Florida. (courtesy photo).



Jessica Driscoll was a key player on last year's Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Girls Hockey team's Division 1 state championship hockey team. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

Ryan being able to constantly tease his sister with joking comments and the two of them often claiming to be the No. 1 hockey player in the house. Ryan would often tell Jessica that "if I was a girl hockey player, I would be in the Olympics."

The two of them became very close over the years, and a lot of that had to do with hockey, but that friendly competition also made each other better athletes.

"They would have a rivalry of who could score more goals, and it seemed like if Jessica had a game on Monday, she scored and went up a goal if Ryan had a game on Wednesday, he would score and they just kept going back and forth," said Dad. "No matter what the two of them did, it was always at 110 percent, even when they were little."

The bond that they created was extremely special, and back in March,

that grew even further when Jessica and her Red Rangers' teammates defeated the previously unbeaten Austin Prep Cougars, 2-1, in double-overtime to capture the Division 1 state championship title.

"I knew he was proud of me," she said. "He even said he was."

Jessica was then asked to describe that special night, of celebrating on the TD Garden Ice.

"It was just crazy playing on that (TD Garden) ice," she said. "That Austin Prep game was the most stressful game ever. I just remember getting back into the locker room and not hearing anything but screams. Coach (Sarah) Oteri walked in and I literally have never seen her happier than she was at that moment. She was just jumping up and around in circles and we were all screaming in celebration. It was just awesome."

Less than three months after that win, Ryan passed away. Some time went by and the entire Red Rangers team received their state championship rings.

"Ryan was cremated and we have (his ashes) in a box in our room," explained Dennis. "So the day that Jessica got her state championship ring, it was pouring rain outside. We went home to change into dry clothes and I was changing my shirt and all of a sudden I hear this loud tapping sound. Jessica was literally tapping Ryan's box with her ring and saying 'hey Ryan, what do you think of this?' Ever since that night, she'll come into the room and give him a little fist pump (with the ring on, while touching the box)."

Jessica said that's the least she can do, "I have to rub it in. I mean he always made fun of me so I got the last dig," she said with a big laugh."

Jessica was asked about her relationship with Ryan and was pretty funny when she brought up one of his familiar traits, or tricks if you will. "We had constant battles

of who would win. He would cheat all of the time," she said in a big protest, kidding. "If I was winning, he would find some way to cheat and beat me out. Even in Monopoly, he would have money hidden in his pocket, or under couches, just anything to win. He would go bankrupt and then say 'oh wait, I still have three thousand dollars'."

While Ryan was a strong athlete, incredible competitor, he was also a tremendous student.

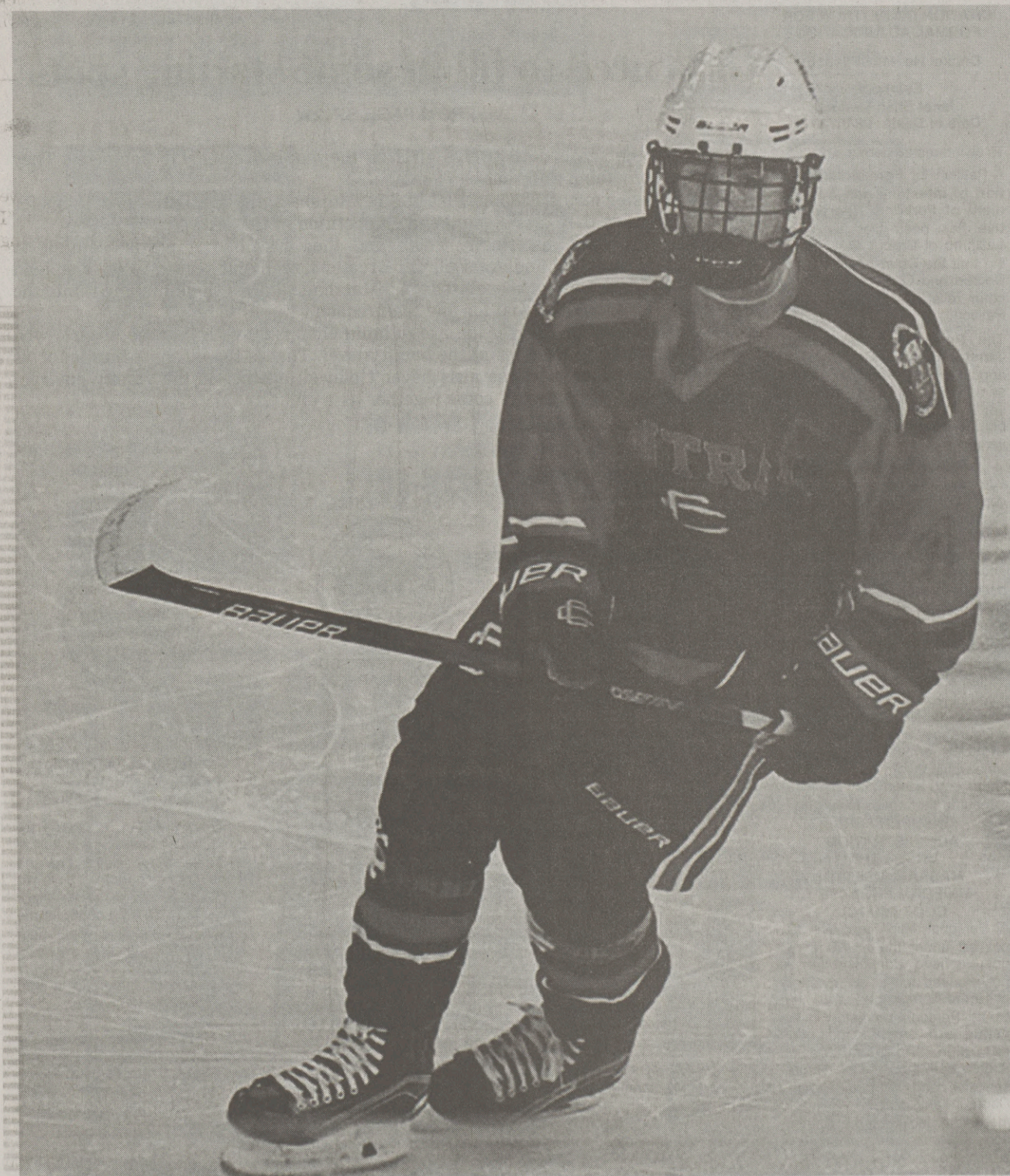
"Ryan still holds the record at the Trahan School for the most AR - reading points," said Dennis. "He always just loved to read. We would be driving to some hockey tournament in Connecticut, just the two of us, and he would be in the backseat reading."

Added Lisa, "(Academically) Ryan pushed himself as far as he could go. He was in honor classes and AP classes, he had a 4.3 GPA. His drive and determination was always there, even in hockey. If there was something that didn't come easy to him, he would work at it and work at it until he could figure it out. He was never one to say, 'I can't do it'. He would just always push himself."

And now Ryan Driscoll is helping to push his family, two communities and several ice hockey programs together to celebrate the life of an extraordinary young man.

"Ryan just always had everyone laughing and he was always joking around with people," said Lisa. "He had the greatest smile. He always found a way to bring people together and he continues to do that now."

Admission for the scrimmage will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Student-Athletes are encouraged to wear their jerseys. Raffles and silent auctions will be available. All proceeds will go to the Ryan Driscoll Memorial Scholarship.



Ryan Driscoll was a member of the Central Catholic Boys Varsity Hockey team this past year as a junior. He passed away in June in an automobile accident. On Saturday, there will be a fundraising event held at the ICenter in Salem, NH on his behalf. (courtesy photo).



## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
19 SM 005694

## ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

John R. Robarge;  
Julianne M. Robarge

And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50, § 3901 (et seq):

Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens Bank of Massachusetts

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 24A Parker Street, given by John R. Robarge and Julianne M. Robarge to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, dated June 2, 2004, and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17468, Page 252, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 6, 2020**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **November 22, 2019**.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
12/11/19

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## LEGAL NOTICE



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
19 SM 005463

## ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

John J. Mytych Jr.;  
Kim M. Mytych

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50, § 3901 (et seq):

Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 36 Grace Drive, given by John J. Mytych Jr. and Kim M. Mytych to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., dated December 1, 2015, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29626, Page 147, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 13, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 3, 2019.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
12/11/19

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## LEGAL NOTICE



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
19 SM 005634

## ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Mary K. Armata

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50, § 3901 (et seq):

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 26 Shady Lane Drive, given by Mary K. Armata to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, dated October 28, 2011, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25383, Page 287, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated December 17, 2015, and recorded with said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29783, Page 126, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 6, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 20, 2019.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
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Kyla Pereira, age 7 (on Thursday) of Wilmington, participated in her gymnastics meet this past weekend at Gym Street USA in Wilmington. The event was divided up in the bronze category and Kyla took first in the vault, floor exercise and bars and was second on beam, which gave her the top score for the all-around competition. (courtesy photo).

## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Cambridge, MA 02141  
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## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI19P6044EA

Estate of:

Stephen D Deackoff  
Date of Death: 10/23/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gall A Deackoff of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Gall A Deackoff of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/27/2019**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

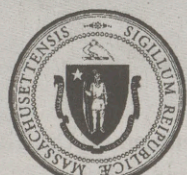
WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 29, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate

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## LEGAL NOTICE



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THE TRIAL COURT  
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## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI19P4811EA

Estate of:

Vasiliki Socratis Tingas  
Also known as:  
Vasiliki S. Tingas  
Date of Death: 08/23/2019

A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Arthur Tingas of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Arthur Tingas of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in a supervised administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2019**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 26, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate

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## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI19P5995EA

Estate of:

Janet Ellen Manuel  
Date of Death: 08/07/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Janet LeBlanc of Dracut MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Janet LeBlanc of Dracut MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2019**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 27, 2019

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate

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## LEGAL NOTICE



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## PUBLIC HEARING

Abbreviated Notice  
of Resource Area  
Delineation (ANRAD)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing **December 18, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by James Andella, Pine and Whipple, LLC for an ANRAD for the approval of the wetland delineation lines for bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at **181 Pine Street (Lot 3)**, Map 45 Lot 1.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x 255), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/  
Planner

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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by John and Erika Lund for a variance from Section 4131, Table of Dimensional Requirements, Rear Yard Setbacks, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaws to construct an addition to the existing single family home consisting of a first floor garage and office, second floor living space, and third floor bedroom and bathroom as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **16 County Road**, Assessor's Map 105, Lot 20, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Robert Dugan,  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Ground Lease of Municipal Real Estate For Wireless Communications Facilities

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16, the Town of Tewksbury is soliciting sealed proposals for a ground lease for a portion of Town-owned land located at 90 Victor Drive, Tax Map 73, Lot 19, for the purpose of erecting, operating, and maintaining one wireless communications tower facility and related equipment for a term of up to twenty (20) years.

An RFP Package containing information relative to the submission requirements is available at the Town Manager's office located at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Hours are Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, or by calling 978-640-4300.

Proposals must be submitted by January 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

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The Wilmington 6th Grade Blue team consists of: Front Row (left to right) - Leah Murphy, Cate MacDonald, Abby Howie, Kristal Wells, Erin McCarthy; Middle Row - Charlotte Forcina, Madi Oatis, Leah Langone, Shannon Barrett, Ava Noble, Ali McElligott, Summer Sands; Back Row - Back Row - Coach Dave Oatis, Scorekeeper Ryan Forcina, Coach Ray Forcina, Coach Joe Langone. (courtesy photos).

## Sixth Graders take home tournament title

While a winter storm battered the area last Sunday afternoon, the Wilmington 6th grade girls Blue basketball team took care of business inside the Danvers Indoor Sports facility in front of a very strong Wilmington crowd by winning the 36th Annual Bob Adiconis Thanksgiving Tournament in beating a

perennial tough Pentucket squad, 37-28.

In the final game, Wilmington played a suffocating defense and amassed 37 steals as a team. The scoring was a well-balanced attack led by several players scoring baskets off of assists in both transition and in the half-court offense.

On route to the champi-

onship game, Wilmington won three games in their bracket by besting Tyngsboro 28-13, outlasting Thanksgiving Rival Tewksbury 29-23, and overcoming Peabody 28-20.

Overall, the team play was characterized by its hard work on defense, unselfishness in sharing the ball on offense, scrap-

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open on the TBBL website ([www.tewksburyboysbasketball.org](http://www.tewksburyboysbasketball.org)). Players (boys & girls) of all ages will be partnered up with TBBL players and adult volunteers.

The Buddy Basketball Program will be held on Sunday afternoons at 1 pm beginning on January 5, 2020 and concluding on March 1, 2020.

There will be no sessions on 2/2/20 or 2/16/20. There is no cost for this program, but registration is required.

If there are any questions, please contact the TBBL Board of Directors at [tbbbl@tewksburyboysbasketball.org](mailto:tbbbl@tewksburyboysbasketball.org).

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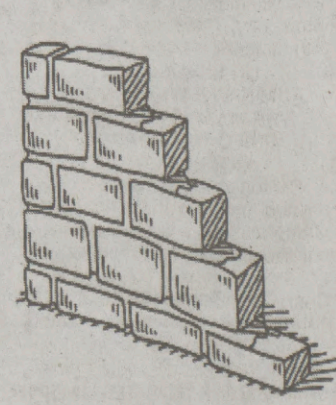
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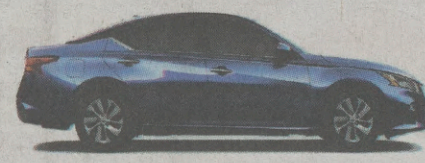
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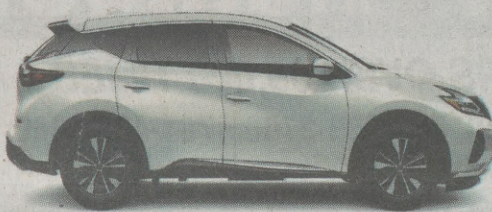
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